



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: APRIL 21, 2020

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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SUBJECT: DIRECTION REGARDING MANDATORY FACE COVERINGS WITHIN THE CITY OF FULLERTON

SUMMARY

Upon request by Council Member Zahra, and supported by Council Member Silva, City Council direction is requested regarding mandatory face covering guidance within the City of Fullerton. Potential direction could include guidance for essential businesses, employees, customers and residents outside of their residence.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide Staff direction regarding mandatory face covering guidance for essential businesses, employees and customers within these businesses. Optional direction to include all residents outside of their residence. Direction may include authorizing the issuance of a Director of Disaster Services proclamation regarding face coverings per direction of the City Council or other direction as deemed necessary and appropriate by the City Council, to be effective upon issuance of Proclamation.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement/s:

- Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal impact depends on authorized direction.

DISCUSSION

As part of the ongoing public health crisis, the Orange County Health Officer on April 9, 2020 issued guidance which “strongly encouraged” the use of face coverings by all employees at essential businesses while at work and all residents engaged in essential activities outside the home to do the same.

The recommendation from the Orange County Health Officer is in line with guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health on April 1, 2020 and is intended to help slow the spread of COVID-19 by those who are asymptomatic.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission. The CDC, on its website recommending the wearing of cloth face coverings, emphasizes that maintaining six-foot social distancing remains important to slowing the spread of the virus. However, they additionally advise the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. The CDC writes that, “Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.”

Other jurisdictional health departments have similar recommendations. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health states, “Everyone is asked to wear a face covering when they are interacting with others who are not members of their household in public and private spaces. Face coverings are an additional tool that individuals should use to help slow the spread of COVID-19 but does not replace other social distancing requirements.” As of April 10th, this recommendation has been updated to be a mandatory order.

On April 7, 2020 and revised on April 10, 2020, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti issued an order requiring all workers at essential businesses to wear face coverings (non-medical grade) and all customers of such a business to wear a face covering. The Mayor’s order was based on health officials “increasingly urging non-medical workers to wear non-medical grade cloth face coverings to help curb the spread of COVID-19, by preventing the transmission of respiratory droplets that contain the virus.”

The City Attorney’s office will opine on legal issues surrounding potential direction as such direction is discussed by the City Council.

The following are what other Orange County Cities are following (as of noon April 16, 2020):

Other City’s Actions

City	Action Taken
Irvine	Proclamation Requiring Face Coverings. Penalty Provisions
Anaheim	Not mandatory. Following OC Health Recommendations
Placentia	Not mandatory. Following OC Health Recommendations
Buena Park	Urgency Ordinance Requiring Face Coverings. Infraction/Admin Cite
Stanton	Not mandatory. Following OC Health Recommendations
Mission Viejo	Not mandatory. Following OC Health Recommendations
Seal Beach	Proclamation Requiring Face Coverings. Penalty Provisions
Garden Grove	Not mandatory. Following OC Health Recommendations
Santa Ana	Not mandatory. Following OC Health Recommendations
Brea	Not mandatory. Following OC Health Recommendations
Orange	Not mandatory. Following OC Health Recommendations
Laguna Beach	Proclamation Requiring Face Coverings. Penalty Provisions/Admin Cite
Placentia	Not mandatory. Following OC Health Recommendations
<i>Riverside County</i>	County Health Order Requiring Face Coverings. Penalty Provisions