



Tarrant County Judge Issues Executive Order Requiring Masks in Businesses

The transmission of COVID-19 has not dissipated but remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Tarrant County Community and rates of infection are increasing at an exponential rate and the number of people admitted to hospitals, ICU, or on ventilators is also rising despite efforts by local authorities to control the spread; and **therefore**

Tarrant County Judge, Glen Whitley, issued the Executive Order effective at 6:00 P.M. on June 26 requiring all business entities providing goods or services directly to the public in Tarrant County to develop and implement a health and safety policy requiring at a minimum, that all employees and visitors to the entity business premise wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public. Patrons who do not wear a face-covering will be asked to leave the premises and will not be provided goods or services until the face-covering requirements are followed. This Order is not applicable to Faith Based Activities.

A copy of the Executive Order and sample Health and Safety Policy is available on the city's website at www.riveroakstx.com

WHY WEAR FACE MASKS? Cloth face coverings may prevent the person wearing the mask from spreading respiratory droplets when talking, sneezing, or coughing. **If everyone wears a cloth face covering when out in public, such as going to the grocery store, the risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 can be reduced for the community.** Since people may spread the virus before symptoms start, or even if people never have symptoms, wearing a cloth face covering may protect others around you. Face coverings worn by others may protect you from getting the virus from people carrying the virus.