

CITY of CORALVILLE, IOWA

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Public Health Disaster Emergency and the Iowa Department of Public Health determined that community spread was occurring within the state; and,

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, as Mayor of Coralville I proclaimed the City of Coralville COVID-19 Prevention Initiative; and,

WHEREAS, positive cases of the virus continue at an alarming rate throughout Johnson County and Coralville, as well as unprecedented levels throughout the State of Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has determined that face coverings are a critical tool in the fight against COVID-19 that could help reduce the spread of the virus, particularly when used universally within communities; and,

WHEREAS, a requirement that persons wear face coverings is consistent with the guidance of the Johnson County Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.02(2) of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Coralville and Section 372.14(2) of the Code of Iowa (2019) grant the Mayor powers to govern through proclamation to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Coralville,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Lundell, the duly elected Mayor of the City of Coralville, Iowa, do hereby proclaim the following, effective immediately, that an emergency exists within the City because of the community spread of the COVID-19 virus, and therefore, in order to combat community spread of the COVID-19 virus, I proclaim the following measures to be in effect in the City of Coralville:

Every person in the City of Coralville must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth when in a public place as follows:

• In public, as opposed to being in one's place of residence, when one cannot stay six (6) feet away from others

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- Inside of any indoor public settings, for example, but not limited to:
- Grocery stores
- Pharmacies
- Hardware stores
- Retail stores
- Other public settings that are not one's place of residence and when with persons who do not live in the household
- Outside, if keeping six (6) feet away from others is not possible
- Using public transportation or private care service (including taxis, ride share, or carpooling)

No business that is open to the public may provide service to a customer or allow a customer to enter its premises, unless the customer is wearing a face covering as required by this order, and businesses that are open to the public must post signs at entrance(s) instructing customers of their legal obligation to wear a face covering while inside.

Those who are exempt from wearing a face covering:

- Persons younger than two (2) years old due to the risk of suffocation
- Anyone who has trouble breathing, on oxygen therapy, or ventilator
- Anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance
- Anyone who has been told by a medical, legal, or behavioral health professional not to wear face coverings
- Anyone actively engaged in a public safety role, including but not limited to law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency medical personnel

Places and times where persons are exempt from wearing a face covering:

- While traveling in a personal vehicle alone or with household members
- While a person is alone or in the presence of only household members
- While exercising at moderate or high intensity, e.g., jogging or biking
- While seated at a food establishment in the process of eating or drinking
- While obtaining a service that would require temporary removal of the person's face covering
- When federal or state law prohibits wearing a face covering or requires the removal of the face covering

This order shall expire on January 15, 2021, unless otherwise rescinded or extended.

Dated this 13th day of November 2020.

By:

John A. Lundell, Mayor

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