



CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA
PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT AND DIRECTIVE

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order No. 20-52, thereby declaring a public health emergency in the State of Florida due to public health threat resulting from the spread of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended that persons wear cloth facial coverings while in public to help control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2020, Palm Beach County Administrator issued Emergency Order Number 4, “Directive to Wear Facial Coverings”; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and residents of the City of Boynton Beach to strongly urge all individuals in the City to wear face coverings, with limited exceptions, as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Manager of the City of Boynton Beach, pursuant to the authority set forth in Ch. 252, F.S., and the City’s Code of Ordinances, in furtherance of the enforcement of the County Administrator’s Order referenced above, and all other applicable laws, promulgates the following Public Safety Announcement and Directive to take effect immediately:

Section 1: Covering of the Nose and Mouth:

- a. All persons are strongly urged to wear cloth masks or other cloth face coverings consistent with the current CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines for personal protective equipment.
- b. All employees and customers of grocery stores, pharmacies and restaurants shall wear a form of covering over their nose and mouth at all times while inside the grocery store, pharmacy, or restaurant facility.
- c. All individuals providing take-out and delivery services shall wear a form of covering over their nose and mouth while processing orders and making deliveries.
- d. All persons who are providing essential services, as defined by the Governor’s Executive Order 20-91, as amended, shall wear facial covering during in-person interactions with the public; and
- e. In addition to the requirements applicable to grocery stores, pharmacies and restaurants, employees and customers of all other essential retail and commercial establishments are strongly encouraged to wear a form of covering over the nose and mouth.

f. A covering over the nose and mouth may include a face mask, homemade mask, or other cloth covering, such as a scarf, bandana, handkerchief or other similar cloth covering.

g. Medical and surgical face masks, such as “N95” masks or other similar medical or surgical masks, are in short supply and should be reserved for health care personnel and other first responders with the greatest need for such personal protective equipment. Persons are encouraged to review and comply with the CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines on personal protective equipment, including with respect to the use of a medical or surgical face mask, such as an “N95” mask or other similar medical or surgical mask.

Section 2: Notwithstanding the foregoing, facial coverings should not be placed on children under the age of two (2) or by persons who have difficulty breathing.

ISSUED THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020



Lori LaVerriere, City Manager