



**CITY OF FISHERS HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER 01-2020**

Due to recent increases in COVID-19 both locally and nationally, as well as in the collective interest of keeping our community as open as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Health for the Fishers Health Department has unanimously voted in favor of requiring face masks while in the City of Fishers to protect the public's health in the least restrictive, most evidence-based manner available.

The intent of this Order is to mandate that all people in Fishers wear a face covering to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as further described herein. This Order is necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 throughout Fishers, and to protect the public health, welfare, and safety of our community. Although enforcement actions may be taken, this Order should be used to educate, encourage, and persuade individuals to wear face coverings.

I am calling on all stakeholders – including businesses, schools, churches, restaurants, and other civic organizations of our community to support this public health mandate.


NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority vested in me as Health Officer for the City of Fishers, I HEREBY ORDER the following, effective July 24, 2020 at 8:00 AM:

1. **Face Covering Mandate:** Every individual in Fishers must properly wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when (i) in an indoor place other than a private residence, or (ii) when outdoors in a situation where a distance of six (6) feet from individuals outside of their household cannot be maintained.
2. **Exceptions to Face Covering Mandate:** The mandate prescribed in Section 1 does not apply to the following:
 - a. Children who are less than 5 years of age; however, children attending childcare who are 2 years of age or older are strongly recommended to wear a face covering;
 - b. Individuals who are hearing or speaking impaired and for whom a mask or face covering is an obstacle to communication (it may important for individuals assisting/working with people that are hearing impaired to wear a clear face shield rather than a mask);
 - c. Individuals who are unable to wear a mask or face covering for a physical, medical, or health-related reasons;
 - d. Individuals who are alone in a room in a public building, such as in an office;



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- e. Individuals who are traveling in their own vehicles;
 - f. Individuals for whom wearing a face mask or covering would present a risk to their safety while at work, as determined by local, state, or federal workplace safety regulations;
 - g. Individuals who are engaged in a form of indoor exercise that is incompatible with wearing a mask or face covering, such as swimming;
 - h. Individuals who are seated at a restaurant, bar, or other establishment that serves food and/or drink, while they are eating or drinking. However, individuals entering and exiting restaurants or bars, going to the restroom, or congregating in common areas of restaurants or bars, must wear masks or face coverings (this also applies to eating in a public place, such as an individual's place of employment provided social distancing is possible);
 - i. Individuals whose religious beliefs prevent them from wearing a face covering;
 - j. Individuals who are engaged in outdoor physical exercise, including running, jogging, walking, or bicycling, if in groups of less than 25;
 - k. Individuals acting in their official capacity as a public safety employee or emergency responder when wearing a face covering would interfere with or limit their ability to carry out their official duties or functions. These include police officers, firefighters and other emergency medical personnel that support public safety functions;
 - l. Bona fide emergency situations in which a person lacks the time or the means to put on a face covering before entering an indoor or outdoor public space; and
 - m. Individuals who are outdoors and are maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from others who are not part of their household.
3. Additional Protective Measures: Use of a face covering as mandated by this Order does not replace the need for all employers, residents, and visitors to take additional protective measures to protect against the spread of COVID-19. Everyone should maintain the following protective measures:
- a. Maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from other individuals who are not part of your household;
 - b. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least twenty (20) seconds as frequently as possible, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when soap and water are not available;
 - c. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
 - d. Sneeze and cough in the inside of your elbow or in a tissue;
 - e. Stay home and isolate yourself from other members of your household if you are sick, suspected positive for COVID-19, confirmed positive for COVID-19, have



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been in close contact (within 6 feet > 15 minutes) with an individual who is suspected positive and/or tested positive for COVID-19;

- f. Clean frequently touched surfaces often;
- g. Avoid sharing food, drinks, and utensils;
- h. Frequently clean communal office equipment; and
- i. Increase ventilation of indoor spaces, by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning, as much as possible.

This Order is issued pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 16-20-1 *et seq.*, 16-20-4 *et seq.*, and 16-41-9 *et seq.*, and remains in effect until September 4, 2020, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by a subsequent public health order. The Health Department may enforce this Order in accordance with Indiana law. This Order is supplemental to and should be construed in conjunction with all Executive Orders issued by Governor Holcomb.

SO ORDERED, this 20th day of July, 2020.

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