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Harris County's Order Regarding Face Coverings will be Enforced Inside City Facilities

June 22, 2020 at 3:30 PM – On Friday, June 19, 2020 Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo passed an Order, effective June 22nd at 12:01 a.m. through June 30th at 11:59 p.m., requiring all commercial entities in Harris County to implement a health and safety policy. This Health and Safety Policy requires employees and visitors (age 10 years and older) to:

- Wear a face covering inside commercial entities or while in close proximity to others;
- Continue social distancing protocols; and
- Not enter facilities if you are feeling sick.

Face coverings include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. These guidelines are to protect the health and safety of the public, to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate a response to the public health threat.

In addition, all people 10 years or older are encouraged to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when leaving their residence and when in a public place, except:

- Exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside alone;
- Alone in a separate single space, whether indoors or outdoors;
- In the presence only of other members of one's residence, whether inside or outside the residence;
- When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health risk, including exacerbating a pre-existing medical condition or including, but not limited to, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance;
- When doing so poses a security or safety risk, such as impairing the ability to drive or to be inspected at a security checkpoint; or
- When eating or drinking.

All City of Katy Facilities will follow these standards and require the use of face coverings at our buildings for all employees and visitors. We will continue all virtual services and encourage customers to utilize these services when possible or if unable to meet these requirements.

At this time, we will not be enforcing a fine if you do not comply. However, if you enter a City facility without a face covering, you will be asked to leave until you can comply with the Harris County Order.

For more information or to read the Harris County Order in its entirety, click [HERE](#).

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