

**CITY OF NEWPORT  
EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-19**

**ENACTING A  
TEMPORARY VISITOR FACE COVERING POLICY  
FOR VISITORS TO CERTAIN CITY OF NEWPORT FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Oregon declared a state of emergency for the state on March 8, 2020, finding that COVID-19 created a threat to the public health and safety and constituted a statewide emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newport declared an emergency on March 13, 2020, which was ratified by the City Council at its March 16, 2020 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States signed a proclamation declaring a national emergency concerning COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, local, state, and national public health agencies have instituted guidelines, recommendations, and actions to curb the spread of the disease in an attempt to “flatten the curve” of the disease’s progression in the United States. Many of those recommendations have been adopted by states and local governments across the country. In Oregon, the Governor has issued Executive Orders 20-03 through 20-20, and 20-22, 20-24, and 20-25 to address COVID-19 closures and reopening of certain facilities, limiting public gatherings, higher education restrictions, and other requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has directed Oregonians to “stay at home to stay healthy” through physical and social distancing guidelines and the elimination of non-essential travel; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newport, through emergency orders, has closed various municipal facilities, and limited access to others; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 14, 2020, the Governor approved Lincoln County for a Phase One reopening; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Newport staff have developed a phased reopening plan for city facilities and programming pursuant to Attachment A to this emergency order; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of the health and safety of city employees, and visitors to certain city facilities and properties, it is deemed vital that a mask and face covering policy be adopted for users of certain City of Newport facilities. These facilities include: City Hall, Municipal Court, Airport FBO, 60+ Activity Center, Farmer’s Market; Library, and the Recreation and Aquatic Centers.

**I, Spencer R. Nebel, City Manager of the City of Newport, hereby order:**

June 11, 2020    **Approved a Temporary Visitor Face Covering Policy for Users of Certain Newport Facilities and Properties. A copy of the policy is included as Attachment A.**



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Spencer R. Nebel, City Manager

Dated: June 11, 2020



## TEMPORARY COVID-19 VISITOR FACE COVERING POLICY

<b>POLICY NUMBER: COVID-19.9</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE: 6-16-20</b>
<b>REVISION DATE:</b>	
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<b>CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>

### PURPOSE

This policy is intended to remain in effect only for the duration of the declared public health emergency related to COVID-19.

The City of Newport is committed to providing employees with a safe and healthy work environment. To accomplish this goal, the city is diligently undertaking efforts to promote safety.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is studying the spread and effects of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) across the United States. It is now known from recent studies, that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”), and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity—for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing, even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms.

The city is implementing measures in accordance with Governor Brown’s Executive Order 20-25 as a means of supporting the Phase I reopening plan and as a means of maintaining procedures that will support future movement to Phases II and III.

### DEFINITIONS

“Face covering” means a cloth, paper, or disposable face covering that covers the nose and the mouth.

“Mask” means a medical grade mask.

“Face shield” means a clear plastic shield that covers the forehead, extends below the chin, and wraps around the sides of the face.

## **POLICY**

The City of Newport is following Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations and requiring that visitors entering city facilities wear a face covering. Anyone entering one of the following city facilities must wear a face covering that covers both the nose and mouth at all times, unless an accommodation for individuals with disabilities (i.e. disabilities such as individuals who rely on lip-reading), children under the age of two (2), or other exemption applies.

Face coverings are required in the following City of Newport facilities:

1. City Hall including Municipal Court
2. Newport Municipal Airport FBO
3. Library
4. Fire Department
5. Recreation Center (when not actively performing a fitness activity)
6. Aquatic Center (when not actively using the pool or spa)
7. 60+ Activity Center
8. Public Works facilities
9. Performing Arts Center
10. Visual Arts Center
11. All special events held on any city property

The city's face covering policy is meant to supplement the Social Distancing Policy currently in effect at the city, which strongly recommends maintaining a six-foot distance from others whenever possible. Face coverings are not a substitute for physical distancing.

Visitors are required to wear a face covering when entering any city facility. Disposable face coverings or masks will be available at city facilities for anyone not having one.

The face coverings do not have to be hospital grade but need to cover the nose and mouth. For example, bandanas, fabric masks, and neck gaiters are acceptable. The guidance states that acceptable face coverings can be made of a variety of cloth materials, be factory-made or hand-made, or can be improvised using bandanas, scarves, t-shirts, sweatshirts or towels.

The city does not recommend that the public use medical masks (N-95 or surgical masks), which are in limited supply and must be preserved for health care workers and first responders.

It is recommended to always wash your hands, or use hand sanitizer, before AND after touching your face or face coverings.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have issued guidelines regarding face coverings. CDC states that in order to be most effective, cloth face coverings should:

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for breathing without restriction
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

### Exceptions

Face coverings are not recommended for children two years or younger, or anyone with disabilities, or certain health problems.

School age summer day camp participants.

Delivery drop offs to city facilities lasting less than five minutes.

Accommodations and exemptions from the face-covering requirement will be based on:

- State and federal public accommodations laws that provide all persons with full and equal access to services, transportation, and facilities open to the public.
- OHA public health guidance if applicable.

