

**CITY OF NEWPORT
EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-34**

**ENACTING AN VISITOR FACE COVERING POLICY
AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-19 IN ITS ENTIRETY**

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 20-01 through 20-20, and 20-22, 20-24, 20-25, 20-27, 20-28, 20-29, 20-30, 20-37, 20-38, 20-56, 20-58, 20-59, and 20-65 to address COVID-19 closures and reopening of certain facilities, limiting public gatherings, higher education restrictions, and other needs and requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic; 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, Newport staff took, and continue to take, actions in an effort to “flatten the curve” of the COVID-19 virus, and by this Order, document those actions by enacting a face covering policy for visitors, and repealing Emergency Order No. 2020-19 in its entirety.

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

November 18, 2020 Approved a Temporary COVID-19 Face Covering Policy for Visitors, included as Attachment A. This Emergency Order repeals, in its entirety, Emergency Order No. 2020-19.



Spencer R. Nebel, City Manager



TEMPORARY COVID-19 VISITOR FACE COVERING POLICY

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| POLICY NUMBER: COVID-19.9 | EFFECTIVE DATE: 6-16-20 |
| REVISION DATE: November 18, 2020 | REVISION NUMBER: One |
| CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: <i>[Signature]</i> | DATE: 11-19-20 |

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 our employees with a safe and healthy work environment. To accomplish this goal, the city must diligently undertake efforts to promote safety.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) continues to study the spread and effects of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) across the United States. We now know 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 – A cloth, polypropylene, paper or other covering that covers the nose and the mouth and that rests snugly above the nose, below the mouth, and on the sides of the face. Coverings that incorporate a valve that is designed to facilitate easy exhalation or mesh masks or other covers with openings, holes, visible gaps in the design or material, or vents are not appropriate face coverings (even if otherwise appropriate for respiratory protection) because they allow droplets to be released from the covering.

Face Shield – A transparent plastic shield that covers the wearer’s forehead, extends below the chin, and wraps around the sides of the face. Devices that place a shield in front of only the user’s nose and mouth do not meet the definition of a mask, face

covering, or face shield. Face shields are normally used as protection for the face and eyes but are a compliant (although not preferred) means of "source control" in relation to COVID-19.

Mask - A surgical, medical procedure, dental, or isolation mask (commonly referred to as a "surgical mask"). Masks are medical grade masks that function as a physical barrier to protect workers from hazards such as splashes of large droplets of blood or bodily fluids; they do not provide reliable protection to the wearer against aerosols or airborne pathogens.

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 covering or mask will be available at city facilities for those who do not have one.

The face coverings do not have to be hospital grade but needs 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 sewn, or can be improvised using bandanas, scarves, t-shirts, sweatshirts or towels.

Face shields are prohibited unless worn in conjunction with a face mask.

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 our 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 as they can cause suffocation.

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.



