



Mandatory Face Mask Order

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **How long is this in effect?** From June 26, 2020 at 6PM until August 3, 2020 at 6AM, unless terminated or extended by City Council or the Tarrant County Judge.
2. **What is a “mask”?** A mask is a covering over your face that covers both your nose and mouth. It can include a homemade mask, a surgical mask, a N95, a scarf, a bandanna, or a handkerchief.
3. **Who needs to wear a mask?** Any person over the age of 10 that works in a business, is entering a business or is in an outdoor area where social distancing is not an option. Additionally, any individual who is outdoors in a crowd of 100 or more people must have a face covering on.
4. **What is a “Health & Safety Policy”?** A printed policy that is visible within a business that requires all employees and visitors to wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity that involves close contact or proximity to others. The policy may include additional safety measures such as temperature checks or health screenings.
5. **How old do you have to be to wear a mask?** All people that are 10 years or older. CDC advises face coverings for children over the age of 2.
6. **Do I still have to maintain social distancing?** Social distancing of at least 6 feet must continue in addition to wearing a face covering and proper hand washing practices.
7. **Do I have to wear a mask at the gym?** Masks do not have to be worn inside a gym where wearing a face covering would pose a physical health risk to the person exercising.
8. **What’s the Penalty or Fine for Not Wearing a Mask?** There will be no arrest or jail time for anyone that is not wearing a face covering. Fines will be issued for businesses that do not implement the “Health and Safety Policy.” Law enforcement and other persons with lawful authority will advise an individual if they are not wearing a mask and they may be asked to leave that location if they do not comply.
9. **Do I have to wear a mask if I am eating or drinking?** You are not required to wear a face covering when you are consuming food or a beverage.
10. **Do I have to wear a mask outdoors?** Face coverings only need to be worn outdoors/open public areas where social distancing is not feasible and where it is estimated that 100 people or more are present.
11. **Who is exempt from wearing masks?** Someone who is receiving a service where the wearing of a face covering would impair the performance of the service. Also, if covering the nose and mouth of the individual poses a significant mental or physical health risk.
12. **Are Masks Required at Church or Other Religious Gatherings?** You are not required to wear a face covering when in church but it is strongly recommended and encouraged that you do so as to safeguard you and others attending the service from spreading the virus.

For more information, visit <http://ci.saginaw.tx.us/1225/COVID-19-Update-for-City-of-Saginaw>