

CITY OF EDINA, MINNESOTA
PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR
Emergency Regulation No. 2020-02

I, James Hovland, Mayor of the City of Edina, subject to the authority granted to me pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Ch. 12.29, and Edina City Code section 14-23, as well as all other applicable laws, rules, regulations orders and declarations, do hereby proclaim the following Emergency Regulation:

Whereas, since issuing Executive Order 20-48, order Governor Waltz has strongly encouraged Minnesotans "to wear a manufactured or homemade cloth face covering when they leave their homes and travel to any public setting where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) and to follow face covering guidelines issued by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Such face-coverings are for source control (to help limit the person wearing the covering from infecting others)"; and

Whereas, pursuant to the authority granted to me pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Ch. 12.29, and Edina City Code section 14-23, I am authorized to promulgate emergency regulations to protect the public health, safety, and welfare during this declared emergency; and

Whereas, health officials are increasingly urging non-medical workers to wear non-medical grade cloth face coverings to help curb the spread of COVID-19, by preventing the transmission of respiratory droplets that contain the virus; and

Whereas, public health experts have determined that it is possible to transmit COVID-19 even before a person shows symptoms; and

Whereas, public health experts have determined that the use of face coverings may reduce the risk of transmission by an infected person as a force multiplier for physical distancing, hand washing, and other prevention measures, understanding that face coverings are not recommended as a replacement for these activities; and

Whereas, to aid in our efforts, under the emergency authorities vested in the Mayor pursuant to the emergency declaration, to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency and adopt additional protections for the preservation of public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Hovland, Mayor of the City of Edina, do hereby order the following emergency regulation:

1. Definitions:

- a. A "space of public accommodation" means retail establishments and city owned buildings, excluding city owned recreation facilities.

- b. "Retail establishment" means a place of business open to the general public which is exclusively or principally carried on for the sale of goods.
 - c. "Face-coverings" means a cloth or other covering that fully covers a person's nose and mouth, secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face.
- 2. Any individual shall be required to wear a face-covering when in the following circumstances:
 - a. In an indoor space of public accommodation
 - b. Exceptions: Face-coverings do not need to be worn by persons who are consuming food or beverages, children under the age of 5, persons with medical conditions that make it difficult to breath, individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing or those who care for or interact with a person who is hearing impaired, or persons otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- 3. All employers of businesses that are spaces of public accommodation as defined by this Order shall require their employees to wear a face covering whenever such employees have face-to-face contact with the public, unless other physical barriers are in place or at least six feet of separation is maintained according to CDC guidelines.
- 4. The requirement in this Order that face-coverings be worn in certain circumstances is intended to add to (and not be a substitute for) other practices (such as hand washing, staying home when sick, and maintaining appropriate physical distancing of at least 6 feet) recommended by public health officials to minimize the spread of COVID-19.
- 5. It is recommended that any individual cover their nose and mouth with a mask or cloth face covering when physical distancing standards of at least 6 feet of separation cannot be maintained among all individuals in accordance with CDC guidelines when in outdoor spaces.
- 6. To the extent anything in this Proclamation is inconsistent with the Emergency Executive Order 20-74 of Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, the language of the Emergency Executive Order 20-74 shall take precedence.
- 7. This Proclamation is effective 12:01 a.m. (CST) on July 6, 2020.

By: 

Mayor James Hovland
City of Edina, Minnesota
July 1, 2020