City of St. Augustine Beach – Face Coverings Resolution
20-14

Frequently Asked Questions

1 - When does the requirement take effect?

July 7, 2020 at 12:01 A.M.

2 - Who is required to wear a face covering?

Every person working, living, visiting, or doing business in the City of St. Augustine Beach shall wear a face covering in any indoor location, other than their home or residence, when not maintaining social distancing from other person(s), excluding family members or companions. This includes while entering businesses until social distancing is possible.

Nothing herein shall require or allow a person to wear a face covering to conceal the identity of the wearer in violation of Chapter 876, Florida Statutes.

If a permit is issued for an outdoor event by the City of Saint Augustine Beach greater than or equal to fifty (50) persons, that permit shall require wearing the face coverings as condition of issuance of the permit and those that attend are required to conform to this resolution.

3 - What are the exceptions to the face covering requirement?

All businesses are encouraged to prohibit entry of any person who is not wearing a face covering except for those below listed persons:

- Persons under the age of five years.
- Persons observing social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- Persons for whom a face covering would cause impairment due to an existing health condition.
- Persons working in a business or profession who do not have interactions with other persons.
- Persons working in a business or profession who maintain social distancing from another person.
- Persons working in a business or profession where use of a face covering would prevent them from performing the duties of the business or profession, especially if the wearing of a face covering may present a health hazard such as excessive heat.
Exceptions Continued...

- Persons exercising, while maintaining social distancing.
- Persons eating or drinking.
- Public safety, fire and other life safety and health care personnel, as their personal protective equipment requirements will be governed by their respective agencies.
- The requirement shall not apply when a person who is hearing impaired needs to see the mouth of someone wearing a face covering to communicate.
- The requirement does not apply to any outdoor activity allowed under City, County, or State order, but face coverings should be readily available when coming within six (6) feet of an individual not part of a person’s immediate family or cohabitating living unit.

4 - What is considered a face covering?

A “Face Covering” is a uniform piece of material that securely covers a person’s nose and mouth and remains in place without the use of one’s hands, whether store-bought or homemade, concurrent with CDC guidelines.

Additional instructions on how to properly wear a mask, can be found here:


5- What if I do not have a face covering?

Homemade coverings, bandanas, scarves, and neck gaiters are all OK. The CDC has provided simple steps for making a cloth face covering with everyday items from your home that can be found here:


A video showing how to make a cloth face covering can be found here:

https://youtu.be/tPx1yqVJgf4

General Mask information can be found here:


6 - I am a business Owner/Manager, who do I contact if someone is not complying with my repeated requests for them to wear a face covering and refuse to leave my business?

It is at the discretion of the business to decide if patrons are properly social distancing and if they need to wear a face covering or not. If you ask the person to comply and they will not and they refuse to leave the business, you can call the non-emergency number (904)824-8304 and request a law enforcement officer. Our officer will educate the individual on the state statute for trespassing (810.08) and enforce accordingly.