



City of Manchester

A Resolution

In our fight against the ongoing threat of COVID-19, this Resolution is offered in consideration of the health and lives of the residents of the City of Manchester, our visitors, the employees of our community in the public and private sectors, and the success, economic stability, and well-being of the businesses of our community.

Be it resolved that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in the City of Manchester considers that infectious diseases are caused by germs such as viruses and bacteria;

That some diseases have the ability to spread from person to person through respiratory droplets;

That many public health officials and medical professionals have determined that it is possible for an infected individual to transmit diseases, even without exhibiting any symptoms;

And that currently the best means of slowing the spread of a respiratory virus such as COVID-19 is by minimizing close personal contact between individuals, which includes social-distancing of at least six feet from one another and covering our nose and mouth by wearing a face covering in places where we are in contact with each other;

That the leadership of the City's largest health care providers, Catholic Medical Center, Elliot Health Systems, and Dartmouth Hitchcock Health Care System have all expressed support for face-covering requirements;

That to protect the residents, visitors, businesses, and the employees of our city and businesses, we must require the wearing of face coverings at times in our interactions with other people;

That to protect our businesses and put them on equal footing with one another, that we must require uniformity in the wearing of face coverings by their employees and customers;

And that to promote the restoration and recovery of our economy, which has been negatively affected by the spread of COVID-19 and the resulting temporary closing down of our society, that we must respond with intelligent and informed science and medical-based action.

Therefore we, as the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in the City of Manchester, require that face coverings made of cloth fabric, or other soft material, that covers the nose and mouth of the person wearing the face covering be worn when people are inside buildings that are open to the public and

within the social distancing guidelines of six feet or less, as recommended by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention.

These requirements will not pertain to persons ten years of age or younger, or to persons who believe that they have a medical or other condition which may pose a risk to that person for health or related reasons.

The requirements of this resolution shall not apply to any customer or guest at a fitness center or other business engaged in the business of fitness training, strength training or classes when their customers or guests are actively exercising and the facility is following all other guidance from the City, State and Federal Government.

These requirements shall not apply when the only persons within six feet of an individual are members of that person's immediate family with whom the person shares a residence or if the only persons within six feet of the individual are members of the same household.

These requirements shall not apply when an individual is seated in a restaurant.

The purpose of this Resolution is a good-faith effort to discourage close interaction with other persons who are not related or who do not generally and regularly socialize to maintain at least a six foot distance from one another, and to increase our awareness that when we are within that distance that we should wear a face covering.

In no case shall there be a financial fine or penalty of any kind, nor any civil penalty, for enforcement of these requirements.