



Face Coverings in St. Johns County Facilities Fact Sheet

In an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19, a face covering mandate for all St. Johns County-owned facilities went into effect on Monday, July 27. This Emergency Order will remain in effect through the duration of the St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation 2020-1, unless otherwise rescinded by the County Administrator or his designee. The mandate states:

- A. All employees and any person working, doing business, or visiting a County facility are required to wear a face covering when social distancing of six feet or more cannot be maintained.
- B. Nothing contained herein shall require or allow a person to wear a face covering so as to conceal the identity of the wearer in violation of Chapter 876, Florida Statutes.
- C. The County Administrator, or his designee, shall be authorized to promulgate and implement all necessary administrative rules, policies, and directives necessary to carry out the mandatory use of face coverings at County facilities.
- D. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed in conflict with any existing rules, policies, and directives which have been established and implemented by any of the Constitutional Officers who occupy or maintain operations at County facilities. If no such directives are in place, as deemed necessary by the Constitutional Officer, then this Executive Order shall govern.

Exemptions

The following shall be exempt from the mandatory use of face coverings at County facilities:

1. Children younger than two years old.
2. Anyone observing social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines.
3. Anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
4. Anyone for whom wearing a face covering would cause impairment due to an existing health condition.
5. Anyone working in a business or profession where the use of a face covering would prevent them from performing their duties.
6. Anyone for whom wearing a face covering would significantly interfere with the provision or receipt of contractual goods or services to the County.
7. Anyone exercising, participating in recreational activities, or outdoor activities while maintain social distancing guidelines.
8. Anyone eating or drinking.
9. Any public safety, fire, and other life safety and health personnel whose personal protective equipment requirements are regulated by their respective governing agencies.
10. Anyone who is deaf or hard of hearing, or anyone communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, and relying on lip reading to communicate.

To view the Emergency Order, visit www.sjcfcl.us or call 904.824.5550 for additional information.