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## COUNTY OF ORANGE REQUIRES CLOTH FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC

*Based on new Orange County Guidance, all residents and visitors in Orange County, with some exceptions, must wear face coverings when in public to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.*

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The Orange County Health Care Agency issued a new Order effective May 23 requiring that residents and visitors in Orange County wear cloth face coverings under the following conditions:

- (i) In a public place;
- (ii) Visiting a retail, commercial or other place of business; or
- (iii) At work, and when the resident or visitor is not able to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from another person who is not a family/household member or live in the same living unit.

Of note, the County's face covering order **does not** apply to children under the age of 2; anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face-covering without assistance; or persons with a medical or mental health condition, or development disability, that prevents wearing a cloth face-covering. However, these groups should take care to practice other ways to limit the spread of COVID-19, such as hand washing and social distancing whenever possible.

Additional details related to this new face covering requirement can be found on the Orange County Health Care Agency's COVID-19 website at:

<https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/article/oc-health-officers-orders-recommendations>

As individuals consider this new Orange County Order, the City wanted to remind everyone that a face covering is not a surgical mask or N-95 respirator, which should be reserved for healthcare workers and first responders. Face coverings can be fashioned from various types of common, everyday fabrics, including t-shirts, scarves, bed sheets, or towels. Additionally, face coverings can be purchased at certain retail stores or can be made at home using instructions posted at [www.HBready.com](http://www.HBready.com).

Additional guidance on how to safely secure and remove your face covering is also available on the CDC's website at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>



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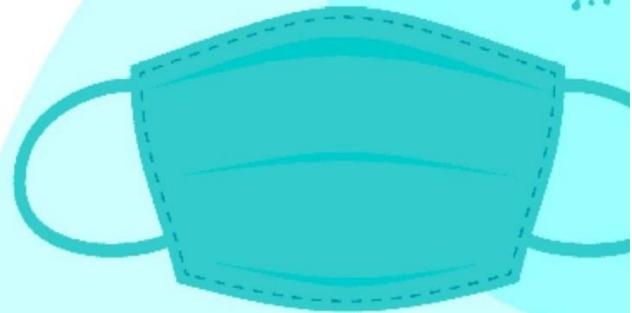
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For further questions about the County's new face covering requirement, please contact the Orange County Health Care Agency at (714) 834-3155.

**Q** ■ I'm a resident or visitor to Orange County.  
■ Where do I have to wear a face covering?

**A** ■ Anywhere you come within 6 feet of others who do not live in your household. That includes:

- Waiting in line to go inside a store
- Shopping in a store
- Picking up food at a restaurant
- Waiting for or riding on public transportation
- Riding in a taxi or other ride service vehicle
- Seeking health care
- Going into facilities that are allowed to stay open
- While at work
- When at the beach or an outdoor museum



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