


MEMORANDUM

LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MAYOR

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CHIEF OF POLICE

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Robert J. Schroeder 
Chief of Police

DATE: August 11, 2020

**RE: Mandatory Face Coverings in Public Spaces—Executive Order
Extended
Special Order #20-041**

On March 6, in response to the current COVID-19 situation, Governor Beshear signed an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency.

Kentucky has experienced an increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases. As a result, on July 9, 2020, Governor Beshear issued Executive Order #2020-586, which requires the use of face coverings (covering the nose and mouth) in public spaces. This Executive Order took effect on July 10, 2020 and remained in effect for 30 days. Effective August 9, 2020, this Executive Order has been extended for another 30 days.

The public will wear a face covering during the following situations that represent a high-risk of COVID-19 transmission:

- While inside, or waiting in line to enter, any:
 - Retail establishment;
 - Grocery store;
 - Pharmacy;
 - Hair salon/Barber shop;
 - Nail salon/Spa;
 - Tattoo parlor;
 - Child care facility;
 - Restaurant or bar (when not seated and consuming food or beverage);
 - Healthcare setting; or
 - Any indoor public space where it is difficult to maintain a physical distance of at least six (6) feet from all individuals who are not members of that person's household.

- While waiting for, or riding on, public transportation or paratransit.
- While riding in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle or driving any of these while customers are present.
- While in outdoor public spaces in which the person cannot maintain a physical distance of six (6) feet from all individuals who are not members of the person's household and is not otherwise covered by previously issued guidance.

The following are exempt from wearing facial coverings:

- Children who are age five (5) or younger.
- Any person with a disability, or a physical or mental impairment, that prevents them from safely wearing a face covering.
- Any person who is hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication.
- Any person engaged in work that a state or federal regulator has concluded would make wearing a face covering a risk to their health or safety.
- Any person who is seated and actively consuming food or beverage at a restaurant, bar, or other establishment that offers food or beverage service.
- Any person who is obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the face covering in order to perform the service.
- Any person who is required to temporarily remove their face covering to confirm their identity or for security or screening purposes.
- Any person who is giving a speech or broadcast to an audience and is able to maintain a safe distance of six (6) feet from all individuals who are not members of the person's household.
- Any person who is in a swimming pool, lake, or other body of water.
- Any person who is actively engaged in exercise in a gym or indoor facility so long as six (6) or more feet of separation between individuals exists and where the gym or indoor facility engages in required cleaning.
- Any person who is actively participating in athletic practice, scrimmage, or competition that is permitted under separate Healthy at Work requirements or guidance available online at <https://healthyatwork.ky.gov>
- Any person who is engaged in a lawful activity where federal or state law prohibits wearing a face covering.

The failure to follow the requirements provided in the Executive Order and any Cabinet Order, including, but not limited to, the orders of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), is a violation of the orders issued under Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) Chapter 39A and will result in a loss of access to the business's services.

In addition, all LMPD employees are required to comply with Governor Beshear's Executive Order and wear face coverings when the employee cannot maintain a physical distance of six (6) feet from all individuals who are not members of the person's household.

All members having computer access are responsible for reading, understanding, and acknowledging receipt of this Special Order, using the PowerDMS Document Management System. Members without computer access will continue to sign an accountability roster, as they have in the past.

All commanding officers will ensure their personnel are made aware of this information.

This Special Order will be posted in each division, section, or unit for a period of ten (10) days. Please refer any questions through the appropriate chain of command.