

CITY OF PARK RIDGE
MAYOR EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01

Issue Date: April 22, 2020
Order Instituting Emergency Face Covering Measures
Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

I. Findings.

A. COVID-19 (*a.k.a.*, Novel Coronavirus) is a severe respiratory illness caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, a new strain of coronavirus that is spread from person to person, posing a threat to the health and safety of the residents of the City of Park Ridge.

B. No drug or vaccine is currently available to treat or prevent COVID-19.

C. On January 27, 2020, United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a national public health emergency due to COVID-19.

D. On March 9, 2020, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker issued a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation declaring that all counties in the State of Illinois, including Cook County, are disaster areas due to the Novel Coronavirus.

E. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (“**WHO**”) declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic.

F. On March 13, 2020, President of the United States Donald Trump issued a declaration of a national emergency due to the growing COVID-19 crisis in the United States, and on March 26, 2020, President Trump issued a major disaster declaration for the State of Illinois due to the COVID-19 crisis.

G. On March 20, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued an Executive Order requiring all non-essential persons to stay at home with limited exceptions and non-essential businesses to cease operations with limited exceptions, which order was effective March 21, 2020 through April 7, 2020, and has been extended to April 30, 2020 (“**Stay at Home Order**”).

H. On March 18, 2020, Mayor Marty Maloney issued a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency for the City of Park Ridge to address the impact of COVID-19 on the City of Park Ridge and its residents and business and property owners, which Declaration was approved and extended by the Park Ridge City Council by Resolution No. 2020-22, and further extended by the City Council on April 20, 2020 (“**Emergency Declaration**”).

I. The WHO has indicated that COVID-19 is spread primarily by respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes and droplets can also be generated by talking, laughing, or exhaling.

J. The Center for Disease Control (“**CDC**”) has stated that people experiencing no symptoms can spread COVID-19 more widely than previously thought, and that people are the most contagious before they start showing symptoms. On April 3, 2020, the CDC announced that it recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies).

K. The U.S. Surgeon General acknowledged that there is a significant amount of asymptomatic spread and recommends that individuals use face coverings to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

L. The Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has further recommended that individuals wear facial coverings to prevent individuals from infecting others.

II. Order.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-1-6), the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/11), Article 3, Chapter 1, Section 8 of the City of Park Ridge City Code, the Emergency Declaration issued on March 18, 2020, as it may be extended or amended from time-to-time, and the findings set forth above, I, Marty Maloney, the Mayor of the City of Park Ridge, in an effort to encourage people to be courteous of one another, protect essential workers, and the overall health and safety of the public, do hereby order the following:

A. Covering of Nose and Mouth Required. Except as provided in Subsection B, all persons over the age of five are required to wear some form of covering over their nose and mouth (such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief) while engaging in the following activities:

1. Working in or patronizing Essential Businesses and Operations (as defined in Governor Pritzker’s Stay at Home Order) that are open to the public or when employees have contact with the public including, without limitation, grocery stores, restaurants, hardware and supply stores, financial institutions, laundry services, essential government functions, etc.
2. Engaging in essential activities such as shopping for necessary supplies and services, seeking medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, etc.
3. Riding in public transportation, taxis, or ride share vehicles.

A business owner or operator may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear face coverings as required by this Order.

B. Exceptions. Subsection A will not apply to any person who is engaging in the following activities:

1. Outdoor activity and permissible outdoor physical activity as defined in the Stay at Home Order (walking, hiking, running, or biking) while practicing social distancing of at least six feet from others.
2. Riding in a personal vehicle.
3. When alone or with household members in a separate single private space that is not open to the general public.
4. When doing so poses a greater health, safety, or security risk to the individual or the public.
5. When drinking or eating.

C. Types of Face Coverings. Appropriate face coverings include homemade masks, scarves, bandanas, or handkerchiefs.

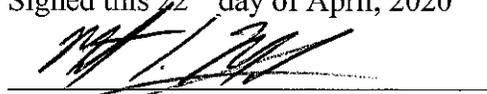
D. Medical-Grade Masks. Medical-grade masks or N95 respirators should be reserved for use by health care and medical providers and first responders.

E. Enforcement. The City of Park Ridge Police Department is authorized to enforce this Executive Order pursuant to Section 3-1-8(G) of the City of Park Ridge City Code.

The intent of this Executive Order is to further increase the wearing of face coverings when in public to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and to protect essential workers and all members of our community. This Executive Order does not supersede or relieve any person from complying with the social distancing requirements set forth in the Governor's Executive Orders. Social and physical distancing is still the first, best, and required practice to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

This Executive Order will be effective the 25th day of April, 2020 8:00 a.m. and will expire at the conclusion of the Emergency Declaration, as amended or extended. The Executive Order will be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

Signed this 22nd day of April, 2020



Marty C. Maloney, Mayor
City of Park Ridge, Cook County, Illinois

ATTEST


Cheryl L. Peterson, Deputy City Clerk