



CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

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Statement from Mayor
Bob Sipple
COVID-19 Mask Order
6/26/20

As COVID-19 cases have increased dramatically in Brazoria County and in Lake Jackson, I am joining Mayors throughout this county to issue an order asking businesses in our city to develop and implement a policy requiring employees and patrons to wear face coverings/masks.

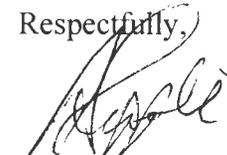
This order is tailored to be in strict compliance with Governor Abbot's Order GA-28 issued today, June 26, 2020.

There is no known cure for COVID-19. Texas, Brazoria County and Lake Jackson have seen a sharp increase in positive cases and hospitalizations.

We all know that protocols needed to help us prevent the spread of this disease. These include washing your hand; using hand sanitizer; staying at home if you can; and if you do go out in public to social distance and wear a face covering or mask. At this time these are the only known protocols that can help stop the spread of COVID-19.

As I issue the attached order, I request all residents, visitors, shoppers, sports participants, et al to wear a face covering or mask when in public to help control the spread of this virus.

Respectfully,



Bob Sipple
Mayor



**ORDER BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKE
JACKSON**

**REQUIREMENT FOR COMMERCIAL ENTITIES PROVIDING GOODS OR
SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC TO REQUIRE THE WEARING OF FACE
COVERINGS IN THEIR FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, City of Lake Jackson issued a Declaration of Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 16, 2020, due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the City Council of the City of Lake Jackson continued the Declaration of Disaster for Public Health Emergency, which extended the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster until the Declaration is terminated by the Mayor or the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans;

WHEREAS, the transmission of COVID-19 and the rates of infection and hospitalizations has significantly increased in recent days, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has determined that extraordinary emergency measures must be taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is authorized to control the occupancy of premises within the City in accordance with section 418.08(g) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent that this Order remain consistent with previous Executive Orders issued by Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS:**

SECTION 1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. Effective as of 12:01 a.m. on June 29, 2020, and continuing until terminated or modified by a later order, the Mayor of the City of Lake Jackson, Texas, deems it in the public interest to order that:

- (a) Health and Safety Policy for Commercial Entities.** From the date of this order, all commercial entities in the City of Lake Jackson that provide goods

or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy ("Policy"). The Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees and visitors, 10 years or older, wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity that will involve close contact or proximity to other employees or members of the public and six feet of separation is not feasible. Face coverings required by this Order may include, but not be limited to, homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or handkerchiefs. The Policy required to be developed and implemented by this Order may include implementation of other measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

- (b) Face coverings are not required to be worn:
 - i. Outside;
 - ii. When doing so poses a mental or physical health, safety, or security risk;
 - iii. While pumping gas or operating outdoor equipment;
 - iv. When exercising; or
 - v. When consuming food and drink.

- (c) Commercial entities must post the Policy required by this Order in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of all health and safety requirements.

- (d) Failure of a business entity to develop and implement the Policy required by this Order on or before 12:01 a.m. on June 30, 2020 may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.

SECTION 3. The owner, manager, or operator of a commercial entity is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public upon request.

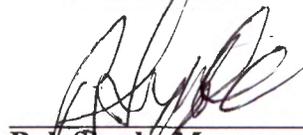
SECTION 4. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

SECTION 5. Any law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in the City of Lake Jackson is hereby authorized to enforce this Order.

SECTION 6. This Order shall be effective until it is rescinded, superseded, or amended, and applies to the corporate limits of the City of Lake Jackson.

SECTION 7. To the greatest extent possible, this Order shall be interpreted as consistent with and supplemental to any executive order issued by the Texas Governor. All provisions of the executive orders of the Texas Governor either existing or when issued, which are made applicable to all jurisdictions by law, shall be automatically incorporated into and constitute terms of this Order, enforceable as if set forth herein without necessity for the issuance of any further orders.

Ordered this the 26 day of June 2020.



Bob Sipple, Mayor
City of Lake Jackson, Texas