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## **Face Coverings Required While in Public Spaces** *Effective on Sunday June 21, 2020 at 5pm*

**KNIGHTDALE, NC** – Due to the rise in COVID-19 infections, especially in Knightdale and immediately adjacent areas of Raleigh, the Knightdale Town Council authorized Mayor James Roberson, to update the Town’s State of Emergency Declaration, to include the requirement of a face covering while in public, during the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday June 17, 2020. The face covering requirement will go into effect Sunday June 21, 2020 at 5pm. The updated sections are below:

All persons who are present within the jurisdiction of the Town of Knightdale are required to wear a clean face covering any time they are, or will be, in contact with other people who are not household members in public or private spaces where it is not possible to maintain social distance or where recommended social distancing practices are not being followed. These spaces include grocery stores, pharmacies, business locations, parking lots, sidewalks, and public transit. While wearing the face covering, it is essential to still maintain social distance as this is the best defense against the spread of COVID-19.

A face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen. A cloth face covering may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or can be improvised with household items such as scarves, t-shirts, or towels. Social distance, as referenced within this declaration, shall mean the current parameters established by the Governor by Executive Order and by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, including as such parameters may be amended in the future.

It is not required to wear face coverings during individual exercise outdoors, or while walking or exercising with other people from the same household, as long as social distance from others is maintained.

All restaurant, personal care, grooming, tattoo, and retail employees and staff shall wear a face covering while on duty. It is recommended that all businesses require customers to wear a face covering while inside the business.

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Face coverings are not required:

- For people whose religious beliefs prevent them from wearing a face covering.
- For those who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical or behavioral condition.
- For children under 12 years old.
- For restaurant patrons while they are dining.
- In private, individual offices.
- When complying with directions of law enforcement officers.
- In settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, including when obtaining or rendering goods or services, such as the receipt of dental services or while swimming.
- While with members of a family or the same household.

The intent of this declaration is to encourage voluntary compliance with the requirements established herein by businesses and persons within the Town of Knightdale. Law enforcement and other public safety and emergency management personnel are strongly encouraged to educate and encourage voluntary compliance with this order.

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