



CITY ORDINANCE #2020-05 - FACE COVERING ORDINANCE FAQs

Should you have any additional questions, please submit them to: stanner@cityofmanning.org or call 803.435.8477

1. When does the ordinance take effect?
 - This ordinance goes into effect at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 13th.
2. Why are face coverings required?
 - According to the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”), everyone is at risk for getting COVID-19 if they are exposed to the virus. Some people are more likely than others to become severely ill, which means that they may require hospitalization, intensive care, or a ventilator to help them breathe, or they may even die. COVID19 is most commonly spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person sneezes, coughs or talks. Face coverings are a proven way to reduce this spread.
3. What is a face covering?
 - A uniform piece of cloth, fabric, or other material that securely covers a person’s nose and mouth and remains affixed in place without the use of one’s hands. Face Coverings include, but are not limited to, bandanas, medical masks, cloth masks, scarves, and gaiters, provided that they are worn such that they securely cover the person’s nose and mouth.
4. Where do I have to wear a face covering?
 - **All** customers or visitors are required to wear face coverings while inside the enclosed area of any retail business, restaurant, or city-owned property.
 - A retail business means any retail business, organization, establishment, or facility open to the public within the City of Manning, including without limitation:

- grocery stores, convenience stores, sporting goods stores; furniture and home-furnishings stores; clothing, shoe, and clothing-accessory stores; jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores; department stores; hardware and home-improvement stores; book, craft, and music stores; florists and flower stores; and all other stores that sell supplies for household consumption or use; pharmacies and other stores that sell medications or medical supplies; alcoholic beverage stores; and laundromats.
 - Restaurant means any establishment within the City of Manning that sells prepared food on a delivery, carry-out, or drive-through basis.
 - City-Owned property means a building, park, or other real property owned and occupied by the City or one of its departments.
5. How will this ordinance be enforced?
- Education will be the first step in enforcement. We will work to educate any violators of the ordinance before pursuing further action.
6. Is there a penalty for violating the ordinance?
- Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance by failing to wear a face covering when required shall be guilty of a civil infraction, punishable by a penalty of not more than \$25.00. Each day of a continuing violation of this Ordinance shall be considered a separate and distinct offense.
7. Do I have to wear a face covering in my home or personal vehicle?
- No
8. Do children have to wear face coverings?
- Children 12 years of age and under are not required to wear face coverings under the city ordinance. provided that adults accompanying children age two through 12 shall use reasonable efforts to cause those children to wear Face Coverings while inside the enclosed area of any Retail Establishment or Foodservice Establishment
 - It is recommended that adults accompanying children ages 2-12 use reasonable efforts to have children wear a face covering, while inside the enclosed area of any retail business, restaurant, or city-owned property.
9. Do I have to wear a face covering while eating or drinking at a restaurant?
- Face coverings are required anytime you are **not** seated at a restaurant (ex. waiting to be seated, walking in and out, walking to the restroom, etc)
10. What is social distancing?
- Maintaining physical separation of at least 6 feet between people from different households.
11. Are face coverings required while on sidewalks?
- No. But they are encouraged if social distancing cannot be achieved.
12. Are there any exemptions in which face coverings are NOT required?

Yes. Exemptions to the ordinance include:

- If in outdoor or unenclosed areas in which social distancing of at least six feet is possible and observed;
- 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 patrons of restaurants while 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 exclusively with members of a family or the same household, and no person other than such family or household is within the same enclosed area.