



PRESS RELEASE

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FROM SUMNER COUNTY MAYOR, ANTHONY HOLT

On July 31st, Governor Lee signed Executive Order No. 55, amending Executive Order No. 54 by extending the term of the Order until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 29, 2020, and by adding a new paragraph regarding face coverings in schools and higher education institutions.

Since Sumner County's Executive Order to wear masks in public went into effect on July 7th, I have continued to consult with local health professionals, leaders of our local hospitals, and the Director of our local Health Department. As a result of their input, I am extending the county-wide Executive Order requiring the wearing of face masks in public places until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 29, 2020.

We must all continue to do our part to slow the spread of this virus. Health professionals still recommend that wearing face coverings is one of the most effective ways to protect ourselves and others. My purpose is to take steps necessary to protect the health and well-being of our citizens and to preserve our economy.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Thank you for keeping your family and our community safe. God Bless.

Anthony Holt

SUMNER COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER
DIRECTING THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN PUBLIC PLACES

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 55, amending Executive Order No. 54, I, Anthony Holt, Sumner County Mayor, do hereby issue the following directive related to the wearing of face masks in public places:

Except for the exclusions set forth below, all Sumner County Residents and Visitors, when in public places should wear masks to help prevent the spread of the COVID 19 in accordance with CDC guidance.

Persons, including employees or customers of businesses, are required to wear face coverings or other similar coverings in public settings where being in close proximity to others is anticipated, and particularly where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain at all times.

Face coverings in schools and higher education institutions: Local education agencies, schools, and institutions of higher education are strongly encouraged to implement a policy requiring the use of face coverings by students and staff, with appropriate exemptions, and consistent with any policies issued by the Tennessee Department of Education. No policy, local order, or official may prohibit a student, teacher, school employee or contractor, or visitor from voluntarily wearing a face covering except to the extent that such face covering presents a safety or security risk.

All law enforcement shall use reasonable care to address willful failure to follow this order. In the event of such failure, civil fines or other necessary action shall be available to law enforcement to enforce this mandate. (Per TCA 58-2-120)

Such face coverings can be created from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost. Face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. Surgical masks and N-95 respirators should be reserved for health care workers and first responders.

Face coverings do not have to be worn:

- i. Within one's residence or automobile, unless transporting others for hire;
- ii. By a child twelve (12) years of age or younger;
- iii. By someone who has trouble breathing due to an underlying health condition or another bona fide medical or health-related reason for not wearing a face covering;
- iv. By someone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance;
- v. While eating or drinking;
- vi. While outdoors, unless the person cannot substantially maintain appropriate social distancing from others outside of the person's household;
- vii. While working under conditions where appropriate social distancing from others outside of the person's household is substantially maintained;

- viii. In situations in which wearing a face covering poses a safety or security risk;
- ix. While in a house of worship unless required by that house of worship, but wearing a face covering in such locations is strongly encouraged; or
- x. While in a voting site for the purpose of voting or administering an election, but wearing a face covering in such locations is strongly encouraged.

The intent is for this Executive Order to remain in effect until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 29, 2020. This Order shall be effective immediately.

Signed,



Anthony Holt, Sumner County Mayor

Dated this 31st day of July 2020.