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Attached: Face Covering FAQ

Why Face Covering is so Important

On July 30, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a Public Health Emergency and issued an Emergency Order requiring individuals to wear face coverings, when indoors and not in a private residence, with some exceptions. The order went into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2020. Wisconsin joined 31 other states, who already had mask orders in place.

With the growing number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Lincoln County, it is our number one priority to protect our community by attempting to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Research shows, COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks or raises their voice. Studies show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are “asymptomatic”). While those that develop symptoms, can spread the virus to others before showing symptoms.

Why wear face coverings:

- Keeps stores and businesses that serve the public open and jobs available
- Protects others that live in your community that are most vulnerable to becoming severely sick
- Protects others that are unable to wear face coverings
- Takes less than 30 seconds to put on
- Is an easy and cost effective way to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus
- Protection from other viruses, e.g. influenza

The CDC recommends the public wear cloth or paper masks. Masks should be made with at least two layers of fabric, cover the nose and mouth without large gaps, and have ear loops or ties for adjustability. For people who wear glasses, look for a mask with a bendable nose piece, to prevent glasses from fogging. Face shields can be paired with a mask for additional protection, but currently is not recommended in place of a mask.

“We cannot do this alone, we need your help”, states Shelley Hersil, Health Officer and Director of Lincoln County Health Department. “It is important to remember that wearing face coverings helps keep others healthy which keeps our community healthy.” Face coverings should be paired with hand washing, social distancing and staying home when sick. To learn more about face coverings, how to care for them and FAQs, visit the CDC website:

<https://rb.gy/nex1s4>.

Lincoln County Health Department will continue to update our Facebook page Monday - Friday, with current COVID-19 case counts. This is a rapidly evolving situation. For the latest information about COVID-19 in Lincoln County visit: <https://co.lincoln.wi.us/covid19> or follow us on Facebook. You can also visit the [CDC's website](#) or the [DHS website](#).

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