

**Addendum to Stay Home Work Safe Measures**  
**Public Use of Face Coverings**

**A. Face Coverings**

The continued spread of COVID-19 by pre- and asymptomatic individuals is a significant concern as we look to reduce transmission in San Antonio and Bexar County. On April 3, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) recommended cloth face coverings by the general public to slow the spread of COVID-19. To align with CDC and Metro Health recommendations, and to add a secondary measure to the directives to maintain social distancing and proper hygiene, Mayor Ron Nirenberg issues this second addendum to the Fifth Declaration of Emergency Measures.

All people 10 years or older must wear a cloth face covering over their nose and mouth when in a public place where it is difficult to keep six feet away from other people such as visiting a grocery store/pharmacy or working in areas that involve close proximity with other coworkers. Coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. Residents must continue to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while outside their residence.

Within three (3) days from the issuance of this second addendum, employers that are Exempted Businesses must provide face coverings and training for appropriate use to employees who are working in an area or activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public.

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU NOT OBTAIN OR WEAR MEDICAL MASKS or N-95 RESPIRATORS AS THEY ARE A NEEDED RESOURCE FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS.** Our healthcare workers and first responders on the front-line combating COVID-19 must have priority access to medical masks or other personal protective equipment.

Face coverings do not need to be worn in the following circumstances:

- When exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside
- While driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver
- When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk
- While pumping gas or operating outdoor equipment
- While in a building or activity that requires security surveillance or screening, for example, banks
- When consuming food or drink

Please note that face coverings are a secondary strategy to other mitigation efforts. **Face coverings are *not* a replacement for social distancing, frequent handwashing, and self-isolation when sick.** All people should follow CDC recommendations for how to wear and take off a mask.

Residents must keep up the following habits while in public:

- wash your hands before you leave home and when you return,
- stay at least six feet away from others, and

- avoid touching your nose or face.
- Do not use disposable masks more than three times.
- Wash reusable cloth masks regularly to prevent the spread of the virus.

Remember that the best protection is to stay at home.

Please visit the City of San Antonio COVID-19 website for additional information and helpful hints on the most effective way to use face coverings.

**B. Emergency Maximum Occupancy**

**“Food, Household Staples Retail”** Exempted Businesses means food service and food distribution providers including grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, liquor stores, bodegas, gas stations, and farmers’ markets that sell food products and household staples (Section 2 (b)(vii) of Stay Home Work Safe Measures, Exhibit 1 to Fifth Declaration of Public Health Emergency).

Within three (3) days from the issuance of this second addendum, the occupancy of all operating Food, Household Staples Retail Exempted Businesses, shall be

- 25% of the Certificate of Occupancy limit.

The Food, Household Staples Retail Exempted Businesses shall conspicuously post the applicable maximum occupancy under this Emergency Declaration.

If the Food, Household Staples Retail Exempted Business has reached the maximum occupancy or expects to reach the maximum occupancy, then it must post staff at store entrances and exits to ensure compliance with the occupancy limit.

**C. Golf Courses**

Consistent with guidance issued by the Texas Attorney General, private golf courses may allow the playing of golf only if there are no equipment rentals, caddies, or other golf course personnel involved. Social distancing must be maintained. Grounds keeping may continue and food sales may continue consistent with the rules for restaurants. Municipal golf courses will remain closed.



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