



June 29, 2020

Face coverings required at all businesses to fight COVID-19

Based on the recent surge in COVID -19 cases, coupled with the recent limitations of detailed information from The Department of State and Health Services (DSHS), and area hospital capacity concerns in North Texas, face coverings are now required in all Ovilla businesses and at outdoor gatherings with more than 100 people. Mayor Richard Dormier issued an executive order Monday that goes into effect at 11:59 p.m. and continues through Aug. 13.

Texas has seen an increase of 22,743 COVID cases since Monday, June 22nd, and Ellis Co. has seen an increase of 167 new cases during this same period.

Businesses are required to adopt a Health and Safety Policy that requires employees and visitors to wear face coverings. Businesses that do not comply could face a fine of up to \$500 however civil or criminal penalties may not be imposed upon individual persons in accordance with the Governor's Orders. The mayor's order allows "any peace officer" to enforce the rule.

Besides wearing face coverings, residents are asked to maintain social distancing of at least six feet from others when they are outside of their own homes.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF OVILLA  
(SHELTER IN PLACE)  
DATE SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER ISSUED:  
JUNE 29, 2020**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Ovilla signed a Declaration Declaring a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Virus and issued an Order with Restrictions for community gatherings and assemblies; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 Virus have increased the need for social distancing and precautionary public safety response; and.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Virus continues to necessitate an extensive and prompt public safety response; and, the regulations set forth in the Mayoral Declaration may need to be extended and/or modified in order to continue to protect the general public; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott publicly unveiled the Governor's Report to Open Texas to implement the phased re-opening of businesses across the state with limited capacities while practicing safe measures as recommended in the CDC Guidelines; and the Governor has on June 3, 2020 amended his prior orders and extended GA 10, 13, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26 and 27; and,

**WHEREAS**, in coordination with Governor Abbott's re-opened services plan, the Ellis County Commissioners Court issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Ellis County Emergency Management Plan and extended the Declaration of Local Disaster.

WHEREAS, the number of positive COVID-19 cases has significantly increased in the last three weeks during the re-opening of businesses; and

WHEREAS, health care and infectious disease experts have determined that face coverings dramatically reduce the spread of COVID19; and

WHEREAS, this Order is necessary to protect the lives, health, welfare, and safety; and,

WHEREAS, GA-27 has authorized the Mayor to issue this Order.

THEREFORE, the prior Orders of City of Ovilla are hereby AMENDED as follows:

**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108,  
OVILLA MAYOR RICHARD DORMIER, ISSUED A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ORDER:**

That effective as 11:59 p.m. on June 29, 2020, ("Effective Date") and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on August 13, 2020, unless extended, modified, or terminated early by the City Council, the following is ordered:

A. From the Effective Date of this Order, all business entities in the City of Ovilla, Texas must develop and implement a health and safety policy ("Health and Safety Policy"). The Health and Safety Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees or visitors to the business entity's premises or other facilities maintain six feet distancing to the greatest extent possible and shall also wear face coverings unless isolated in an individual office or room. The Health and Safety Policy required to be developed and implemented by this Order may also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control or reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings. Business entities must post the Health and Safety Policy required by this Order in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of all health and safety requirements. Failure to develop and implement the Health and Safety Policy required by this Order within five (5) calendar days following the Effective Date of this Order may result in a civil penalty fine not to exceed \$500 for each violation.

B. All people 3 years or older shall wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when in a public place where it is difficult to keep six feet away from other people or working in areas that involve close proximity with other coworkers. The CDC advises face coverings for people 2 years or older. Face coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. Ovilla residents should continue to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while outside their home. Ovilla employees are also required to wear face coverings under the same circumstances as the general public. **IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU NOT OBTAIN OR WEAR 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:

- i. When exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside
- ii. While driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver
- iii. While pumping gas or operating outdoor equipment unless six feet minimum distancing cannot be maintained
- iv. 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 should keep up the following habits while in public:

- i. Washing hand before you leave home and when you return
- ii. Staying at least six feet away from others
- iii. Avoiding touching nose or face

- iv. Not using disposable masks more than three times, and
- v. Washing reusable cloth masks regularly to prevent the spread of the virus.

C. For any outdoor gathering in excess of 100 people, other than those set forth in paragraph numbers 1, 2, or 4 of the Governor's Order GA-28\*, any gathering is prohibited unless the Mayor approves of the gathering. All people attending an approved outdoor gathering in excess of 100 people shall wear a face covering over their nose and mouth and maintain six feet of social distancing.

Mayor Richard Dormier, as appropriate, in consultation with the local public health authority, has imposed these restrictions .


Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on June 29, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on August 13, 2020:

DECLARED and ORDERED this 29th day of June 2020



Richard A. Dormier  
Mayor, City of Ovilla

ATTESTED:



Glennell Miller  
City Secretary



\* The following businesses are exempt from paragraph C: (a) Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, religious services, local government operations, child-care services, youth camps; (b) professional, collegiate, or similar sporting events, swimming pools, water parks, museums and libraries, zoos, aquariums, natural caverns, and similar facilities at no more than 50 percent of the normal operating limits; (c) amusement parks at no more than 50 percent of the normal operating limits.