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MANDATORY FACE COVERINGS NOW REQUIRED IN CITY OF MOBILE

**In Effect For Next 30 Days
All Public Places, Retail Stores, Transportation Services**

In concern for public health and the increase in transmission rates in Mobile County, Mayor Stimpson and the Mobile City Council passed an ordinance requiring face coverings/masks in all public places (city and police jurisdiction) effective **for the next 30 days**.

Exemptions/Face Coverings Not Required

- *Seniors and citizens with medical conditions that make it a physical or mental health risk
- *People outside (parks, open spaces) with enough social distancing (6 feet)
- *Youth 10 years and younger

What is a Face Covering

- *Masks (medical grade masks not required)
- *Scarfs, bandanas, cloth coverings - must cover the nose and mouth

Penalties

- *\$50 fine for the first offense
- *\$100 fine subsequent offenses
- *City officials stated that fines will be a last resort.

TRANSMISSION AND SUPER SPREADERS

In Mobile County, new cases and hospitalization have gone from 9% - 13% since the end of May. Mobile County is on the cusp of experiencing “exponential growth” in transmission in cases (MCHD Dr. Bert Eichold.) Our highest rate of growth is ages 25-49 (37.7%).

In communities where masks are mandatory, there is a 25% decrease in new cases. Medical and health professionals are overwhelmingly in support of the Ordinance.

[Click Here for Updated Case Information](#)

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GOVERNOR UPDATES SAFER-AT-HOME ORDER

What Does This Mean?

- * Senior Centers will remain closed for regular programming until July 31
- * Entertainment venues, gyms, childcare facilities and close-contact service providers (salons and barber shops) must continue to follow social distancing guidelines and sanitation rules and, in most cases, wear masks. Retail stores may open with 50% occupancy rate.
- * Beaches remain open

[Click Here for the Full Order](#)

Why Was the Order Extended?

Our state is experiencing a concerning rise in cases. As of Tuesday morning, Alabama has tested 392,800 people, has confirmed 36,683 cases and has 905 deaths. The highest rate of growth are those aged 25-49; they have been termed *Super Spreaders*. These Super Spreaders – in general – are not wearing face coverings or practicing social distancing. This places seniors and high-risk individuals are at greater risk.