



**HEALTH CARE ADVISORY
BY THE MAYOR AND CITY'S HEALTH AUTHORITY
REGARDING USE OF FACE MASKS IN PUBLIC SPACES**

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the CDC has now urged and recommended the use of cloth face coverings as an additional preventive measure to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, as reflected on their website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html and

WHEREAS, the City of Harlingen has recently experienced a spike in COVID-19 positive cases with the number of cases projected to increase, thereby demonstrating an urgent public necessity for responsive containment measures in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City's Health Authority have determined that it is in the public interest to remind and alert the general public of the importance of taking additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to help protect the public health and welfare of the City of Harlingen consistent with CDC Guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS HEALTH CARE ADVISORY IS HEREBY ISSUED FOR THE CITY OF HARLINGEN, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That all persons within the city limits of the City of Harlingen, Texas should be wearing face masks or appropriate face covering at all times while in a public or in a commercial setting.
2. As recommended by the CDC, face masks and coverings may consist of scarves, bandanas, or other facial coverings fashioned from cloth and fabric items as recommended by the CDC. For more detailed information see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>. Face coverings are not required to be surgical masks, N95 respirators, or other specialized coverings.

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