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The City of Oshkosh Encourages the Use of Face Coverings

OSHKOSH, Wis., July 20, 2020 – At the July 14th meeting of the Oshkosh Common Council, Mayor Lori Palmeri issued a proclamation aimed at encouraging the use of face coverings in the city of Oshkosh. While not a mandatory requirement, the proclamation seeks to “prevent exposure to and spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus by strongly encouraging the use of face coverings by persons within the city of Oshkosh by those persons able to wear cloth face coverings.”

Citing evidence that suggests that wearing a cloth face covering reduces the risk of a person with a COVID-19 infection from spreading the infection to others, Palmeri stated in the proclamation “that all persons who are present within the jurisdiction of the City of Oshkosh are strongly encouraged to wear a clean face covering anytime they are or will be in contact with other people who are not household members in public or private spaces where it is not possible to maintain social distance or where recommended social distancing practices are not being followed.”

There are instances when individuals may not be able to wear face coverings. Palmeri stated that “whereas the majority of people are able to wear cloth face coverings, some people may not be able to due to medical conditions, mental health conditions or disability. It is important for everyone to show patience and respect for other persons.” Palmeri continued that “the public is encouraged to respect those who (do) choose to wear masks.”

Oshkosh City Hall has reopened as of July 20, 2020, and is strongly encouraging the use of face coverings by visitors to the building. Masks are provided to visitors at no charge upon entry to the building. While the building is open to visitors, citizens are encouraged to limit contact by using online resources on the [city’s website](#) and by using the drop box in front of City Hall. For more information about the use of face coverings in Oshkosh, please contact the City Manager’s office at (920) 236-5002.

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