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Face coverings ordinance now in effect in Oshkosh
With absence of state mandate, local ordinance now stands

OSHKOSH, Wis., March 31, 2021 – Effective immediately, the city of Oshkosh’s face coverings ordinance is in effect. It requires face coverings of anyone age five years or older in buildings and other enclosed spaces. The ordinance will remain in effect until April 30, 2021. The Oshkosh Common Council approved this ordinance requiring the use of face coverings at its March 9, 2021 meeting. The ordinance is now active since the state mask mandate is no longer in effect.

The Council has determined that a face covering ordinance is a reasonable measure necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community. The local ordinance applies to enclosed spaces accessible to the public. The ordinance creates a number of exceptions similar to orders by states and other municipalities. They include making exceptions for persons from wearing face coverings while eating and drinking, when necessary to receive certain services, persons with chronic upper respiratory or other medical or other disabilities that may prevent or impair the person’s ability to wear a face covering, persons engaged in exercise and individual speakers or performers.

The ordinance also creates an exception for other governmental entities. The school district, state and federal entities at an equal or higher level of government are allowed the ability and responsibility to regulate their own facilities. The ordinance can be found on the city’s website: <https://www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=1057131&dbid=0&repo=Laserfiche>. For questions related to this ordinance, please contact the Oshkosh City Manager’s office at (920) 236-5002.

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