

# CITY of CARPINTERIA, CALIFORNIA



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## **CITY OF CARPINTERIA IMPLEMENTS FACE-COVERING REQUIREMENTS**

**May 18, 2020** --- Today Carpinteria joined several other California cities by enacting face-covering requirements in an effort to slow the transmission of COVID-19. The new regulations come at a time when business and travel restrictions are beginning to loosen, and locals and visitors are expected to cross paths more frequently. By requiring face coverings, the City of Carpinteria intends to keep residents and visitors safe and keep the community on track for recovery.

“We want to stress that face coverings are not a substitute for other protective measures, nor an exemption from other rules on social distancing and gathering,” said City Manager Dave Durlinger. “To continue successfully battling this virus, it’s imperative that we remain vigilant. We cannot give up on hand washing, routinely cleaning high-touch surfaces and maintaining 6-foot distancing without risking setbacks.”

The virus can be transmitted from person to person through breathing, speaking, coughing and sneezing, a risk that is reduced by wearing a face covering. The national Centers for Disease Control, the California Department of Health, and the Santa Barbara County Health Department all recommend wearing face coverings, and cities such as Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Ojai have implemented face covering requirements.

The new ordinance, which was unanimously approved by the Carpinteria City Council and is effective immediately, requires all workers and members of the public to wear a face covering while present at any business allowed to be open. This includes standing in line to enter or transact business with one of these businesses. The requirement does not apply to people who work in small offices where there is physical separation from others.

The ordinance also recommends face coverings in all other public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

Businesses are responsible for refusing service and access to anyone not wearing a face covering, and they must provide free face coverings to their workers.

The City expects members of the public to voluntarily comply with the new requirements, but violations may be enforced against non-compliant individuals and businesses.

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