



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SEMINOLE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER: COVID-19 AND THE USE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING/FACE COVERINGS

WHEN SHOULD I WEAR A MASK OR FACIAL COVERING?

Mask use should be worn at places of assembly, businesses, and other places open to the public in Seminole County.

WHEN SHOULD INDIVIDUALS REMAIN 6' APART FROM OTHERS?

When in a place of assembly, business or other places open to the public in Seminole County, individuals should maintain social distancing. Members of the same household do not have to keep six (6) feet of distance between one another. If individuals are within six (6) feet of distance from one another, masks should be worn by all parties.

WILL INDIVIDUALS BE FINED OR PENALIZED IF THEY DO NOT WEAR A MASK?

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order (20-244), the collection of fines and penalties against *individuals* are currently suspended for non-compliance. Fines can still be issued for businesses that are not in compliance with Seminole County Executive Order 2020-30, which requires the use of facial coverings in all places of assembly, businesses, and other places open to the public.

WILL BUSINESSES BE FINED OR PENALIZED IF THEY DO NOT ENFORCE THE USE OF MASKS BY EMPLOYEES AND PATRONS?

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order (20-244), fines can still be issued for businesses that are not in compliance with Seminole County Executive Order 2020-30, which requires the use of facial coverings in all places of assembly, businesses, and other places open to the public.

WHAT MEASURES SHOULD BUSINESSES TAKE?

Check points, staging areas, queues for the public and other areas to which the public has access should be appropriately monitored for social distancing through floor markings or similar techniques to assist patrons and employees in maintaining six (6) feet of distance from one another.

CAN A BUSINESS REQUIRE MASK USE?

Executive Order 20-244 issued by Governor Desantis on Friday, September 25, suspends the collection of fines and penalties only against individuals only. **Fines can still be assessed against businesses that are not in compliance with Seminole County's order requiring the use of facial coverings.**

Seminole County's Executive Order requiring the use of facial coverings is still in place (Executive Order 2020-030), which requires all places of assembly, businesses, and other places open to the public in Seminole County require face covering. If a customer is non-compliant, the business may refuse service or contact law enforcement to trespass the individual.

ARE BUSINESSES REQUIRED TO POST MASK USE SIGNAGE?

No; the posting of mask use signage is not and has not been required.



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CAN A BUSINESS LOSE THEIR LICENSE FOR NOT REQUIRING MASKS?

Licensure is dependent upon Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and/or Florida Department of Health requirements. The County cannot suspend or revoke licenses. However, the County can assess fines against businesses that are not in compliance with the County's executive order.

ARE RESTAURANT PATRONS REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS/FACIAL COVERINGS?

When in queue to order or before being seated at a table, masks are required by restaurant patrons per Seminole County Executive Order 2020-30. Once seated and appropriately social distanced, patrons should remove the mask in order to dine.

ARE RESTAURANT STAFF REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS/FACIAL COVERINGS?

Seminole County's Executive Order requiring the use of facial coverings is still in place (Executive Order 2020-030), which requires all places of assembly, businesses, and other places open to the public in Seminole County require face covering. This is applicable to servers, hostesses, kitchen staff, and any employee or contractor at the business. Restaurants that are not in compliance with this order can be fined.

ARE MASKS REQUIRED IN COUNTY BUILDINGS?

Yes; masks are required for all patrons and employees in County facilities. If a visitor does not have a mask, one will be provided.

DO I HAVE TO WEAR A MASK WHEN EXERCISING OR PLAYING SPORTS?

No; masks should be worn when not actively participating in exercise or sports activities and when within six (6) feet of distance of other individuals. Teams may compete and practice without masks as exempted in Section 5 of the County's order.

ARE CHILDREN REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS?

Children under two (2) years of age are exempted. Children in schools or daycares should adhere to the regulations set forth by the school or daycare.

WHO IS EXEMPTED FROM WEARING A MASK OR FACE COVERING?

- Persons under the age of 2 years;
- Persons for whom a Face Covering would cause impairment due to an existing health condition or disability;
- Persons working in a business or profession who are not interacting with the public and who are able to maintain social distancing from co-workers;
- Persons working in, or patrons of, a business or profession where use of a Face Covering would prevent them from performing the duties or receiving the services of the business or profession;
- Persons exercising;
- Persons eating or drinking;
- Public safety, fire, and other life safety and health care personnel, as their personal protective equipment requirements will be governed by their respective agencies; and
- Persons communicating with someone who is hearing-impaired and must see the mouth of someone wearing a Face Covering in order to communicate.