

VILLAGE OF SKOKIE  
EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE  
APRIL 16, 2020

**EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE FOR  
MANDATORY VILLAGE-WIDE FACE COVERING TO PRESERVE  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND PROTECT RESIDENTS  
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PURSUANT TO  
VILLAGE EMERGENCY DECLARATION 20-3-R-1460  
VILLAGE OF SKOKIE CODE SECTION 2-295**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Pandemic has had a significant impact on public health throughout Illinois and within the Village of Skokie (hereinafter "Skokie") and COVID-19 is a virus which causes severe respiratory illness which has led to dozens of hospitalizations and several deaths within Skokie; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is passed between people through air-borne droplets and definitive data concerning how long such infectious droplets remain in the air or on various surfaces and how far the droplets travel and suspend in the air; and

**WHEREAS**, to date no drug or vaccine is currently approved to treat or prevent COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, these factors require public health initiatives to contain and limit the spread of the infectious droplets; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") declared COVID-19 to be a Global Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Skokie Village Board enacted Resolution Number 20-3-R-1460 which established an Emergency Declaration for Public Health ("Emergency Declaration") and which empowered and authorized the Village Manager to take such action including rules and procedures to ensure the continued and uninterrupted operation of the Village and which was extended to May 6, 2020 pursuant to Village Board action on April 6, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-07 and on March 20, 2020 Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-10 requiring all non-essential persons to stay at home with limited exceptions and non-essential businesses to cease operations with limited exceptions, which became effective through April 7, 2020 and was recently extended to April 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Skokie is one of only seven (7) municipalities in the State of Illinois with a fully certified Public Health Department and a Director of Public Health who is a medical doctor with advanced degrees in public health; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Illinois Statutes and Section 2-295 of the Village Code, Skokie's Public Health Director has the authority to enforce laws or establish rules to preserve public health and protect Skokie residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 3, 2020, the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") issued a recommendation for all individuals to wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, because people who are asymptomatic can spread COVID-19 more widely than previously thought; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 2020, the U.S. Surgeon General recommended that individuals wear face coverings because he concluded that there is a significant amount of asymptomatic spread of COVID-19; and

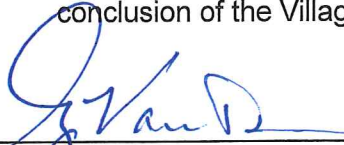
**WHEREAS**, a response to the severe and real health danger and loss of life from COVID-19 is of critical importance and requires additional proactive steps to provide for the public health, safety and protection of life and security of business in Skokie.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is directed that the following mandatory actions be taken by all residents, employees and workers in Skokie and by all visitors to Skokie in a concerted and unified effort to reduce, limit and confine the spread of COVID-19 within our community and population and to further demonstrate our respect and deep appreciation of our health workers and first responders, pursuant to the authority vested in the Village Manager and Director of Public Health and entrusted to the Mayor of the Village of Skokie, by the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-1-6), the March 16, 2020 Governor Pritzker Executive Order 2020-07 and the March 20, 2020 Governor Pritzker Executive Order 2020-10, the Skokie Village Board Emergency Declaration (Resolution Number 20-3-R-1460) and Section 2-295 of the Village Code:


1. **Face Covering**. Except as provided in Subsection 3, all persons are required to wear face covering to include their nose and mouth made of any cloth or other material which is reasonably designed and made to inhibit, filter or restrict the breath, sneeze, cough or other exhaling from one's nose and mouth, including but not limited to a non-medical grade mask, cloth or plastic mask, scarf, bandana or handkerchief while engaging in the following activities:
  - a. Working in any business which is permitted to be open as an Essential Business and Operation pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order or supporting memorandums or statements, while open to the public or when employees have contact with the public to include, but not limited to grocery stores, restaurants, hardware and building supply stores, financial institutions, laundry services, pharmacies, group homes and assisted living as construed in the broadest terms and any curbside or home delivery staffs;
  - b. Engaging in essential activities such as shopping for necessary supplies and services seeking medical supplies or medication and while visiting a health care professional;
  - c. Riding in public transportation including buses, trains, taxies and ride shares and this shall apply to the driver of such transportation;

2. A business owner or operator may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear a face covering reasonably designed and made to inhibit, filter or restrict the passing of a person's breath, sneeze, cough or other exhaling from one's nose and mouth;
3. **Exceptions.** Subsection 1 will not apply to any person who is engaging in the following activities:
  - a. Outdoor activity such as walking, running, biking or other solitary physical activity while at the same time practicing social or physical distancing of at least six feet from others;
  - b. Riding in a personal vehicle;
  - c. When alone or with household members in a separate single space;
  - d. When doing so poses a greater health, safety or security risk to the individual or the public; and
  - e. While drinking or eating.
4. **Medical Grade Masks.** Medical-grade masks or N95 respirators are not recommended for general public use under this directive and are expressly reserved for use by health care and medical providers and first responders.
5. **Social and Physical Distancing.** This directive does not supplant or diminish the absolute need for all residents, employees and workers in Skokie and all visitors to Skokie, to practice social and physical distancing in all settings and with all ages. Social and Physical Distancing is still the first best and required practice to combat the COVID-19 Pandemic.

This Directive will be effective this 16th day of April, 2020 at 5:00 pm and shall expire at the conclusion of the Village of Skokie's Emergency's Declaration

  
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Mayor, Village of Skokie

  
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Village Manager, Village of Skokie

  
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Director of Public Health, Village of Skokie

Issued this 14 day of April, 2020.