

July 2 JRAN BREAKING NEWS - Face Coverings Mandated

Dear JRAN Community:

Governor Greg Abbott just issued an <u>executive order</u> requiring all people over the age of 10 years old and located in a county with 20 or more cases of COVID19 to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth **beginning July 3rd at 12:01 p.m**. This includes outdoor spaces, commercial buildings, any space open to the public and wherever it is not feasible to maintain 6 feet of social distance.

You do not need to wear a face covering if:

- You are under 10 years old
- You have a medical condition that would be worsened by wearing a mask
- You are eating or drinking
- You are exercising outdoors and maintaining social distancing
- You are driving alone or with members of the same household
- You are receiving a service that requires removal of a face covering for security surveillance or face service (i.e. banks, dentist office)
- You are swimming
- You are voting, but strongly recommended
- You are practicing a religious worship, but strongly recommended
- You are giving a speech or broadcast

A list of exempted counties can be found <u>here</u>. So far, none are listed. County Judges can opt out by filling out a form.

Violations include:

- First time: written or verbal warning
- Second or more violations: up to \$250 fine per violation

Law enforcement officers are able to enforce the executive order but cannot arrest anyone.

The executive order will remain in effect until the Governor issues another order rescinding or modifying it.

Take care today and #MaskUpHou,

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