

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding City of Milledgeville Mandatory Mask Ordinance O-2008-04

Where do I have to wear a face mask in the City of Milledgeville?

If you are outside in a public place and cannot maintain a minimum of 6 feet from people who do not live with you or you are inside any building that is not your residence or in a commercial vehicle with others who do not live with you, you must wear a mask unless the entity has posted a sign on its entrance that reads, "This location does not consent to enforcement of any local face covering requirement upon this property" or unless in a religious establishment (although the use of facial coverings is highly recommended during religious activity).

What are the exceptions to needing to wear a mask?

1. In personal vehicles or upon residential property (inside or out) where you live.
2. When you are alone in enclosed spaces or only with other household members.
3. If you have bona fide religious objection to wearing a facial covering or mask.
4. When outdoors, provided you can maintain a minimum of six (6) feet from other people with whom you do not live.
5. If you are drinking, eating, or smoking.
6. If wearing a mask causes or aggravates a health condition.
7. If wearing a mask would interfere with receiving personal services or performing work in the course of employment.
8. If you are complying with the directions of a law enforcement officer or for the purposes of verifying a person's identity, such as when purchasing alcohol, tobacco, or prescription drugs or when engaging in a financial transaction.
9. If you are inside any polling place or trying to enter or exit a polling place.
10. When a person is ten (10) years of age or younger.
11. If you have difficulty putting on or removing a mask without assistance from another person.

What is considered a face mask?

Medical grade masks are not required; coverings may be fashioned as advised by the CDC and from other suitable fabrics. The mask must cover the mouth and nose of the wearer.

How will the mask requirement be enforced?

Every effort shall be made to bring an individual into voluntary compliance with the terms of the Ordinance prior to issuance of any Notice of Violation. Violators will be warned and asked to put on a face mask. If you refuse to wear a mask after being requested by law enforcement you may be written a citation of not more than \$25 on the first offense, and not more than \$50 on the second and subsequent offense.

When does the requirement go into effect and for how long will wearing a mask be required?

8:00 AM on August 22, 2020 and remains in effect until it is rescinded, superseded, or amended by an ordinance of the Mayor and Aldermen.