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## Emergency Order requiring face coverings

*Salinas, CA* --The City of Salinas announced today a new emergency Executive Order adopting the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) guidance for the use of face coverings. The Order requires compliance with the CDPH's guidance regarding the use of face coverings within the city of Salinas enforceable by administration citation. As of today, July 6, 2020, the City will enforce the mandatory wearing of face coverings throughout the City, as required by CDPH Guidance, with a fine of \$100 for the first violation.

In his Executive Order, City Manager Ray Corpuz cites to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Salinas, the state's placement of Monterey County on the COVID-19 County Data Monitoring Project watch list, and the Governor's indication that the state would order Monterey County to close all bars and indoor operations for certain sectors. "With Salinas having the highest number of positive COVID-19 cases in Monterey County and the state's roll-back of the re-opening for some business sectors in Monterey County, Salinas and its residents must follow the health experts' advice that wearing face coverings by everyone can limit the spread of COVID-19," said Salinas City Manager Ray Corpuz. "Unfortunately, not everyone is following the advice and wearing a face covering. The City must protect its residents and with this Order, the City's law enforcement departments can cite anyone, without warning, if they are not wearing a face covering." Social distancing protocols must also continue meaning residents and businesses are also required to maintain a six-foot distance from others who are not members of the same household.

See [Executive Order No. 04-2020 here.](#)

See [Department of Public Health Guidelines here.](#)

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