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Emergency Declaration Amendment Requiring Masks in Indoor Public Spaces in Rochester, MN

July 6, 2020 – ROCHESTER, MINN. – On July 6, 2020, Mayor Kim Norton signed and the City Council voted to support the third amendment to the existing Emergency Declaration, requiring individuals to wear a face covering while in any indoor public space in Rochester, MN. The signed amendment can be found here and it will take effect on July 8, 2020.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Rochester has prioritized the health and safety of community members. In addition, the health and safety of patients and companions that are visiting Rochester for complex medical care is of utmost importance as well. Medical tourism is a critical part of Rochester’s economy.

Mayor Kim Norton states, “With infection rates on the rise locally, it’s important that we do everything we can, as a community, to keep residents and visitors safe from the COVID-19 virus. The added benefit of protecting our businesses from another shutdown and making their environments safer for more customers makes a mask requirement the best choice right now.”

The City’s COVID-19 Information Hotline can be reached at 507-328-2822 between 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday, as well as the City website focused on COVID-19 information.

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