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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 and 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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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC



EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

**City of Rochester
Declaration of Local Emergency**
*March 17, 2020, and amended
May 25, June 27, and July 6*

**Olmsted County
Public Health Emergency**
Issued March 17, 2020

**Minnesota Peacetime State of
Emergency EM-3453**
*Issued March 13, 2020 and
extended on June 12*

**National Emergency
Concerning Novel Coronavirus
Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak**
Issued March 13, 2020

**Stay Safe Minnesota
Executive Order 20-75**
Effective May 18

*For a complete list of state orders:
[https://mn.gov/governor/news/
executiveorders.jsp](https://mn.gov/governor/news/executiveorders.jsp)*

EOC STRATEGY

Ensure Community Lifelines

EOC OBJECTIVES

Continuity of Operations

Timely Community and
Teammate Communication

Economic Stability

Community Stability

Healthcare System Support

*Lifelines enable the continuous
operation of critical government
and business functions and are
essential to human health and
safety or economic security.*

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