

**EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-13**

**USE OF CLOTH MASKS BY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS**

On March 13, 2020 a State of Emergency was declared in the City of Coral Springs relating to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”).

COVID-19 is a global pandemic that spreads rapidly from person to person and may result in serious illness or death. COVID-19 is believed to spread by respiratory droplets that come from the mouth and nose. It is believed that people who are asymptomatic can still spread COVID-19 by breathing, talking, laughing, coughing, and sneezing. Recently the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) issued guidance that the general population should wear cloth face coverings to capture the respiratory droplets of asymptomatic people to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Pursuant to Section 252.46, *Florida Statutes* and Chapter 19 of the Code of the City of Coral Springs, the City has the power to issue emergency orders with the force of law. The City Manager has expressly been authorized to issue Emergency Orders.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

**Section 1.** Every person working, living, visiting, or doing business in the City of Coral Springs is encouraged to wear a cloth facial covering consistent with the current CDC guidelines while in any public place, except when such person is engaging in outdoor physical activities in accordance with Emergency Order 2020-12.

**Section 2.** All people should avoid the utilization of surgical masks or N95 rated masks as those are critical supplies for health care workers, police, fire, emergency management, or other persons engaged in life and safety activities.

**Section 3.** This Emergency Order is effective immediately.

ORDERED ON AND FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS ON APRIL 8, 2020.

Ordered by:

  
City Manager Frank Babinec

Ratified by the City Commission on

April 15, 2020