



Executive Order No. EO2020-0007

DECLARATION AND ORDER REQUIRING FACE COVERING IN COUNTY BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, on this 10th day of May 2020, the life, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Cuyahoga County are in jeopardy due to the outbreak of a deadly infectious respiratory disease identified as the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19); and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is rapidly spreading, as numerous members of the community have been infected with the disease and the risk of serious illness is imminent and the resulting impact of the disease on Cuyahoga County residents and businesses is potentially catastrophic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a State of Emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19 (“State of Emergency”). The Ohio State of Emergency allows state departments and agencies to better coordinate in their response and the County of Cuyahoga must also engage in that effort; and,

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health (“Director”) issued an amended Stay at Home Order pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3701.13 authorizing special orders for preventing the spread of contagious or infectious diseases (“Order”); and

WHEREAS, face coverings reduce the spread of COVID-19 and are necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of County employees and residents while in County buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Armond Budish, County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, by virtue of the powers vested in me under Article 18, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, by the Charter of Cuyahoga County, and the laws of Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio, do hereby order and declare as follows:

1. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and in accordance with Ohio Department of Health guidelines, all visitors to any County building under the jurisdiction of the County Executive, with the exception of the Justice Center, must wear a face covering when within said County Building.
2. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and in accordance with Ohio Department of Health guidelines, all county employees under the jurisdiction of the County Executive must wear a face covering when in a common area within any County building or if the employee’s workspace is within six feet of a common area and there is no barrier at least seven feet high surrounding the employee’s workspace.

3. A face covering must be cloth or other fabric and cover the individual's nose, mouth, and chin. Common area is an area within a County building generally available to the public or otherwise used by employees and outside of an employee's work space (e.g., hallways and other walkways, stairwells, restrooms, and breakrooms).

4. A face covering need not be worn when not advisable for health reasons, while the employee is working alone in a work space sufficiently isolated from other employees or common area, or under any other circumstance recognized by the Ohio Department of Health.

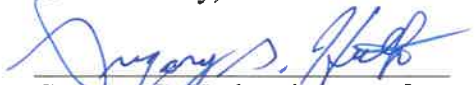
5. This Executive Order shall go into immediate effect upon my signature, and shall continue in force until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the Cuyahoga County Health Commissioner.

The original copy of this Executive Order shall be filed with the Cuyahoga County Department of Law and a copy shall be filed with the Clerk of County Council.

I have signed this Executive Order on this 14 day of May 2020, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.


Armond Budish, County Executive
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Attested to by,


Gregory G. Huth, Director of Law