

FACE COVERING EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19 under Section 391 of the Public Health Service Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina based on the public health emergency posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, I, Chairman Howard Penny of the Harnett County Board of Commissioners, declared a state of emergency for the County of Harnett based on the public health emergency posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2020, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order No. 147 which requires the use of face coverings while in public spaces and in certain businesses and facilities;

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Harnett County Board of Commissioners, I desire to extend the certain face covering requirements of Executive Order No. 147 to all Harnett County buildings and facilities; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Harnett County Board of Commissioners by the March 16, 2020 state of emergency declaration, I hereby proclaim and declare the following:

Section 1. Wearing of Face Coverings. All members of the public who are present in any Harnett County building or facility are required to wear a clean face covering. While wearing the face covering, it is essential to maintain social distance insofar as possible.

A face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials such as cotton, silk, or linen. A cloth covering may be factory-made or sewn by hand or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels. Social distance, as referenced within this order, shall mean the current parameters established by the Governor by Executive Order and by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, including as such parameters may be amended in the future.

Section 2. Exceptions. Face coverings are not required:

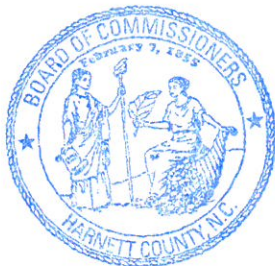
- For people whose religious beliefs prevent them from wearing a face covering.
- For those who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical or behavioral condition.
- For children under 12 years old.
- While consuming food or beverage.
- In private, individual offices.
- When complying with directions of law enforcement officers.
- In settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering.

Anyone who declines to wear a face covering for these reasons shall not be required to produce documentation or any other proof of a condition.

Section 3. Applicability. The requirements established in this order shall supplement and be in addition to the other requirements associated with the COVID-19 State of Emergency within the County, including, but not limited to, any requirements established by the State of North Carolina. If an individual states that an exemption applies, County staff may choose to offer a reasonable measure to deliver County services to avoid unnecessary exposure.

Section 4. Implementation. Any individual who willfully disregards or fails to comply with this Order shall be asked to exit the building or facility. Refusal to exit said building or facility may result in criminal prosecution.

Section 5. Effective Date and Time. This Order shall take affect at 5:00p.m., June 30, 2020 and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.



DECLARED This the 30th day of June 2020.

Howard Penny, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Margaret Regina Wheeler, Clerk to the Board