

**ORDER OF THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF IRVINE IN HIS CAPACITY  
AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MEMBER OF  
THE IRVINE DISASTER COUNCIL**

**DATE OF ORDER: APRIL 8, 2020**

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime. Violators are also subject to civil enforcement actions including civil penalties of up to \$500 per violation per day, injunctive relief, and other relief. (Penal Code section 19; Government Code section 8665; Irvine Municipal Code Sections 4-9-107(A)(6)(a) [Director of Emergency Services authority to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property]; 4-9-111(A) and (B) [misdemeanor to violate any lawful rule or regulation issued pursuant to Emergency Services Division of Municipal Code]; 4-13-301 *et seq.* [discretion to prosecute Municipal Code violations as administrative citations]; 4-13-103 [discretion to prosecute all misdemeanors as infractions].)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XI; CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 8610, 8630, 8634, AND 8665, AND IRVINE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 4-9-101 *et seq.*, 4-13-301, AND 4-13-103, THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ("DIRECTOR") OF THE CITY OF IRVINE ("CITY") ORDERS:

**Effective 12:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, and continuing through Friday, May 8, 2020**, pending further Order of the Director, the following will be in effect for the City:

1. Executive Order [N-33-20](#) issued by the Governor of the State of California ("Executive Order") mandates that all individuals living in the State of California stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of [essential services sectors](#), as updated by the State Public Health Officer ("Essential Workers").

On March 24, 2020, after ratifying the Director's declaration of a local emergency caused by the spread of a novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"), the City Council of the City of Irvine ("City Council") adopted Resolution 20-30. Among other things, that resolution "strongly recommend that all retail sales businesses and service businesses provide protective supplies such as masks, gloves and cleaning agents for their employees and to limit the customers in their facilities based on size." While many retail sales businesses and restaurants have followed this encouragement, many others have actively rejected the City's guidance.

Subsequent to the City Council's March 24, 2020 resolution: (1) on April 1, 2020 the California Department of Public Health ("CDPH") [issued guidance recommending the use of face coverings](#) while in public; (2) on April 2, 2020, the Orange County Health Officer [recommending wearing a cloth face](#) covering when leaving the house for essential activities; and (3) on April 4, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") [recommended wearing cloth face coverings](#) in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission of COVID-19.

2. In conformance with, and where not superseded by the Executive Order and guidance from the CDC, CDPH, and the Orange County Health Officer, this Order additionally specifies and orders as follows:
  - a. Essential businesses within the City that provide sales of retail goods and/or food and/or banking services and/or commercial services – including without limitation, grocery stores, pharmacies, home improvement stores, gas station convenience stores, restaurants providing take-out or delivery services, banks, savings and loans, credit unions, dry cleaners, storage facilities, and private postal services stores – that remain in operation during the term of this Order (“Covered Businesses”) shall cause their employees and patrons to wear face coverings, such as scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandanas, neck gaiter, or other fabric face coverings. All persons, including Essential Workers are discouraged from using medical grade personal protective equipment, such as N95 masks, for non-medical reasons.
  - b. Covered Businesses shall, and shall cause their employees and patrons to, follow this Order and the Social Distancing and Infection Control Guidelines published by the CDC and CDPH. All essential businesses must identify and cause all required measures to be implemented as necessary to ensure social distancing and sanitation at that particular facility. If the measures identified and implemented are not effective in maintaining proper social distancing and sanitation, additional measures shall be identified and implemented or the facility shall be closed.
  - c. The Director of Emergency Services, with the confirmation of the Irvine City Council ***STRONGLY RECOMMENDS*** that all people in the City of Irvine should wear a face covering when outside the home.
3. This Order shall be effective immediately and will remain in effect until May 8, 2020, pending further Order of the Director of Emergency Services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City shall not impose penalties for violations of this Order until Monday, April 13, 2020.
4. This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 disease, also known as "novel coronavirus," which has infected over one million individuals worldwide in over 180 countries and is implicated in over 75,000 worldwide deaths, including over 900 cases and 14 deaths in Orange County. These numbers grow every day.
5. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 both within the City of Irvine and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID- 19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.
6. This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide. This Order is issued to prevent circumstances

often present in Covered Businesses that may exacerbate the spread of COVID-19, such as: (1) the increased likelihood that retail, restaurant, and banking transactions attract people from a broad geographic area; (2) the prolonged time period in which large numbers of people are in close proximity; and (3) difficulty ensuring that such persons (patrons and employees) follow adequate hygienic practices.

7. This Order is intended to address the strain upon the health care system from the effects of the COVID-19 virus. Similarly, this Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide.
8. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the: March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the February 26, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in Orange County; the March 17, 2020 proclamation of a local State of Emergency by the Director; the March 24, 2020 ratification of the proclamation of a local State of Emergency by the City Council; the March 24, 2020 adoption of Resolution 20-30, strongly encouraging the use of masks within, among other businesses, Covered Businesses; the guidance issued on March 11, 2020 by the CPDH regarding large gatherings of 250 people or more; the guidance issued on March 15, 2020 by the CDC, the CPDH, and other public health officials through the United States and around the world recommending the cancellation of gatherings involving more than fifty (50) or more persons in a single space at the same time; the March 18, 2020 order of the Orange County Health Officer prohibiting all “gatherings” as defined by the CPDH; Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-33-20 of March 19, 2020 ordering all persons to stay at home to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19; the on April 1, 2020 guidance from the CPDH recommending the use of face coverings while in public; the April 2, 2020 guidance issued by the Orange County Health Officer recommending the use of a cloth face covering when leaving the house for essential activities; and the April 4, 2020 guidance issued by the CDC recommending wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission of COVID-19. Emergency management and public health officials at the federal, state, and county levels continue to issue guidance to slow the spread of COVID-19.
9. Violation of this Order is a crime and may also be pursued as an administrative fine, an infraction, or a misdemeanor, in the City’s sole and absolute discretion. (Penal Code section 19; Government Code sections 8665, Irvine Municipal Code Sections 4-9-101 *et seq.*, 4-13-301, and 4-13-103.)
10. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the City of Irvine City Hall located at 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, CA 92606; (2) posted on the City of Irvine’s website ([www.cityofirvine.org](http://www.cityofirvine.org)); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.



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City Manager, City of Irvine