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## **Pasco Requires Face Masks to Help Reduce Spread of COVID-19**

*~~Face coverings now required in all indoor businesses, county government facilities~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- [Pasco County](#) is seeing a [sharp increase in the number of COVID-19 cases](#), including an increase in our younger population. In an effort to prevent the spread of the virus, Pasco County Administrator Dan Biles has issued an executive order requiring everyone in Pasco County to use face coverings while indoors at a public business or county government facility, effective immediately. Exceptions to the order include children under the age of two and anyone with an existing health condition that would be complicated by wearing a mask. Pasco County Code Enforcement will begin enforcing this order **Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 5 p.m.**, focusing first on education.

### **Face Covering Order Requirements:**

- ✓ Face coverings should cover nose and mouth
- ✓ Order applies to all businesses and county government facilities open to the public
- ✓ Businesses must ensure compliance with this Order
- ✓ Businesses in violation of this Order could face a fine of up to \$250
- ✓ To read the full Order, please visit: [bit.ly/2Yp8AxE](http://bit.ly/2Yp8AxE)



Using homemade or store-bought cloth face coverings has the potential to reduce the risk for infection and save lives. Face masks are available for pick-up at several Pasco County locations. To see the full list, visit our [Coronavirus Information & Pasco County Operational Changes](#) webpage.

If you feel compelled to report a violation of the Face Coverings Order, please call Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As a reminder, businesses can purchase [Personal Protective Equipment](#) (PPE) and apply for reimbursement through the **Pasco CARES Small Business PPE Program** here: [bit.ly/SmallBizPPE](http://bit.ly/SmallBizPPE)

To see a list of COVID-19 testing sites in Pasco County, please visit: [bit.ly/PascoTesting](http://bit.ly/PascoTesting)