

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic conditions throughout the State of Arizona have resulted in widespread illness, business and services closures, health care saturation and many other conditions that pose significant threats to communities; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a condition of peril to the health and safety of many citizens as well as economic impacts to our businesses and tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020 Arizona Governor Ducey issued Executive Order 2020-40 "Containing the Spread of COVID-19 Continuing Arizona Mitigation Efforts"; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020 the City of Sierra Vista issued resolution 2020-40, authorizing the Mayor of the City of Sierra Vista to declare a Local Emergency and recognizing the necessity of precautionary measures due to the threat COVID-19 poses to public health and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby declared that an emergency now exists in the City of Sierra Vista, Arizona;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED;

Effective June 27, 2020 at 12:00 a.m.:

SECTION 1: Face Coverings or use of Shields in Public

- A. Wearing a Face Covering Or Using Shielding In Public Spaces. Every person over the age of ten (10) is required to make use of a face covering or shield in a Public Space when maintaining a six foot distance is not possible. Adults accompanying children shall use reasonable efforts to cause those children to wear face coverings when in public.
- B. Commercial Establishments. The wearing of face coverings is required in all commercial establishments located within the City of Sierra Vista when physical distancing is impossible to continuously maintain. Commercial Establishments have until midnight July 1, 2020 to fully comply with this order.
- C. Schools, Institutions of Higher Learning, Child Care Centers, Not for Profit organizations providing food and shelter, and Houses of Worship are requested to establish and publish their own guidelines for the proper wearing of face coverings in their spaces that are accessible to the public.
- D. Exceptions. Face coverings are not required: 1) When a person is at home; 2) When a person is alone in a vehicle or in a vehicle with people the person lives with; 3) When a person is at a commercial establishment for the purposes of eating, drinking or sleeping; 4) When a person is exercising outdoors alone or with people they live with, and while using public sports or practice fields; 5) While swimming; 6) In workspaces not open to the general public; 7) For any person who cannot wear a face covering

because of a medical condition, mental health condition or developmental disability, or who is unable to remove the face covering without assistance; and 8) In an emergency situation where the wearing of a face covering is not feasible.

- E. Definitions. 1) Public Space means: a) Indoor spaces that are overseen by the City of Sierra Vista where the public is allowed to enter. b) Outdoor spaces such as parks, playgrounds, parking lots, and other areas such as places where the public would gather while waiting to enter an establishment. c) In or on Public Transportation. 2) Person means: any person, regardless of whether they are a resident, employee, customer, vendor, visitor, invitee or other. 3) Face Covering means: a covering made of fabric or soft permeable material that covers the nose mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face. 4) Shield means an impermeable physical barrier designed to separate individuals from physical contact.

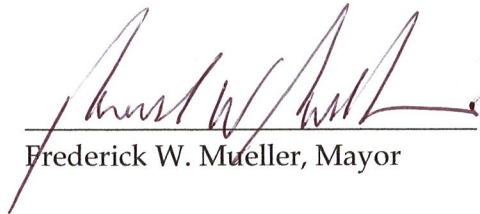
SECTION 2: Enforcement.

Any enforcement of this proclamation shall focus first on educating and working to promote best practices to accomplish the goal of mitigation. Before any action is taken to enforce this order under ARS Sub-Section 26-317 (a class 1 misdemeanor), a person shall be notified of the violation and be given an opportunity to comply.


SECTION 3. Duration.

The Order shall remain in effect until the earlier of the rescission of this Local Emergency Declaration by the Mayor of the City of Sierra Vista or the rescission of Executive Order 2020-40 by the Governor of the State of Arizona.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2020.


Frederick W. Mueller, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jill Adams, Sierra Vista City Clerk

