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## **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE**

Gustavus, July 13, 2020 – The City of Gustavus Council passed Resolution CY20-20, A Resolution by the City of Gustavus Mandating the Wearing of Cloth Facemask, effective today.

All individuals within the City of Gustavus are mandated to wear masks or cloth face coverings over their noses and mouths when they are indoors in public settings or in communal spaces outside the home, and when outdoors in public spaces where they may be within 6 feet of other members of the public outside their immediate family. This mandate is subject to the conditions and exceptions stated below.

The settings included in this order include, but are not limited to, the public and communal spaces within the following:

- Grocery stores and all other retail stores
- Restaurants, cafes, bars, including food preparation, carry-out, and delivery food operations. Limited exception for customers while they are eating or drinking in one of these settings.
- Buses, taxis, vessels, aircraft and other forms of public or visitor transportation when passengers are present.
- Personal care facilities.
- Childcare facilities.
- Communal areas of offices where people from multiple households are present.
- Indoor communal spaces in other buildings including the City of Gustavus buildings, schools, the US Post Office, government offices.
- Churches.
- Outdoor areas such as docks and floats, small vessels, or crowded areas in parks where six feet social distancing may not be possible, and where members of the public other than one's immediate family may be encountered at close quarters.

Employers are responsible to make sure employees who are present in the workplace have access to and wear masks or cloth face coverings when in direct contact with customers, members of the public, or other employees. Masks are not required when the only direct contact is between members of the same household or when employees are not near others (within six feet).

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This mandate does not apply to the following categories of people or activities:

- Any child under the age of 2 years. These very young children should not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation;
- Any child under the age of 12 years unless a parent or caregiver supervises the use of face coverings by the child to avoid misuse; Any individual for whom wearing a mask or cloth face covering would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition or mental health condition, and any individual unable to tolerate a mask due to a physical or mental disability;
- Individuals who are speech impaired, deaf, or hard of hearing, or individuals communicating with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing, where facial or mouth movements are an integral part of communication;
- Any individual who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance;
- Individuals who are exercising, if mask wearing would interfere with their breathing.

If a person declines to wear a mask or face covering because of a medical condition or disability as described above, this mandate does not require them to produce medical documentation verifying the stated condition or disability. Businesses may wish to consider accommodating such individuals through curbside or delivery service or by allowing the individual inside without a mask if doing so will not place others at risk.

The City of Gustavus respectfully requests the public's cooperation with the provisions of this mandate for the benefit of all citizens and visitors. Violation of this mandate does not create grounds for residents to harass individuals who do not comply with it.

This resolution shall terminate on October 1, 2020, unless repealed earlier or extended by further resolution.

## Gustavus COVID 19 Data As of 7/13/2020

Test Results Received	Test Results Pending	Negative Results	Positive Results	Recoverd Cases	Hospitalizations required	Resident Cases	Non-Resident Cases
144	10	143	1	1	0	0	1