



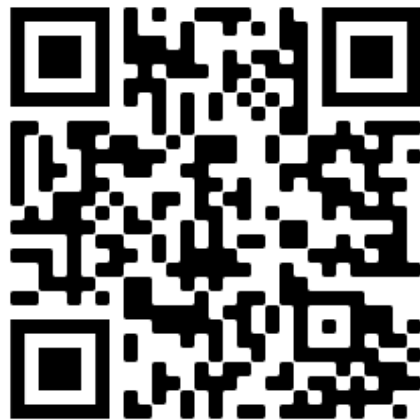
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*“It is the judgment of City Council that a stronger community response now could slow the rate of spread of COVID-19 in our community and would protect public health and safety.”*

## *Additional questions?*

Call 417-874-1211  
or visit [springfieldmo.gov](http://springfieldmo.gov).

Scan to find more information about the Masking Ordinance and additional information about COVID-19 in Springfield.



*More information at  
[springfieldmo.gov](http://springfieldmo.gov)*

## *a guide to the ...* **Masking Ordinance**

**Springfield Police Department**  
321 E. Chestnut Expressway  
Springfield MO, 65802  
417-864-1810  
**7 a.m. – 11 p.m.**  
7 days a week, excluding holidays



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## ***Why does Springfield have a Masking Ordinance?***

Springfield City Council approved an ordinance requiring face coverings in public spaces (with certain exemptions) on July 13 in order to slow the spread of the coronavirus in the community. The ordinance is in effect July 16-Oct. 13, unless extended, rescinded, superseded or amended.

## ***How does wearing a mask slow the spread of coronavirus?***

Combined with other tools like staying home, hand washing, and physical distancing, face coverings help slow the spread of COVID-19 by catching and containing respiratory droplets that contain the virus. Individuals should wear a face covering even if they don't have a fever or other symptoms of COVID-19. This is because of evidence that people with COVID-19 can spread the disease even before they have symptoms.

## ***Does everyone have to wear a mask?***

Under this ordinance, everyone over the age of 11 that is in the Springfield city limits will be required to wear a face covering when around people who are not household members. There are exemptions for people who have a health condition that prevents wearing a mask. Exemptions are also made for people who are hearing impaired and people communicating with individuals who are hearing impaired.

## ***What is considered an appropriate "face covering" to meet the requirements of this ordinance?***

Face covering means a device that covers the nose and mouth. Both reusable and cloth face masks can be purchased at many different locations around the city including grocery stores, retail establishments, or online retailers. There are also many local cloth mask makers in and around Springfield that you can find via Facebook marketplace or other buying and selling groups.

## ***How is the ordinance enforced?***

Education is the first step in enforcement. We will work to educate any violators of the ordinance before pursuing further action. Failure to comply with this ordinance can result in a fine up to \$100 for individuals, businesses, governments or non-profit entities. Each individual within or working for the entity is considered a separate violation.

## ***How can violations be reported?***

Violations of the ordinance can be reported by emailing [city@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:city@springfieldmo.gov) or by calling 417-864-1010. If a customer at a business refuses to wear a face covering and is causing immediate danger to the business's staff, call 911.

## ***I am a business owner/manager. How do I notify customers of this ordinance?***

It is recommended that businesses place signs on entrances to notify customers/visitors of the mask requirement. Springfield-Greene County Health Department has created signs that all businesses can print and place on their doors at [health.springfieldmo.gov](http://health.springfieldmo.gov). Businesses can create their own signage if they wish.

