

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE USE OF FACE-COVERING WHEN IN A
PUBLIC PLACE AND UNABLE TO MAINTAIN A DISTANCE OF AT LEAST SIX (6)
FEET FROM ANOTHER PERSON AND WHEN UTILIZING PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
TRANSPORTATION FOR HIRE

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, North Carolina Governor Cooper issued EXECUTIVE ORDER 116, declaring a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the entire State of North Carolina to coordinate Response and Protective Actions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Mayor Lavelle proclaimed the existence of a state of emergency in the Town of Carrboro to reduce the risk of exposure to our town employees, community members and visitors and limit the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and continue to “SHELTER-IN-PLACE,” Mayor Lavelle issued a COVID-19 proclamation declaring the INITIAL GUIDANCE FOR CARRBORO RESIDENTS REGARDING COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Orange County North Carolina Board of Commissioners and the Town of Chapel Hill, both, issued a STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, to slow the spread of COVID-19, Governor Cooper of the State of North Carolina issued EXECUTIVE ORDER 121, declaring a STAY-AT-HOME order beginning on March 30, 2020 and in effect until April 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020, Governor Cooper of the State of North Carolina issued EXECUTIVE ORDER 135 to extend until May 8, 2020, North Carolina’s Stay At Home (Executive Order 121); and

WHEREAS, many individuals who contract COVID-19 display no symptoms or have mild symptoms and may not be aware they carry and can spread the virus and persons without symptoms can transmit the virus and because evidence shows the disease can easily spread, without appropriate precautions public places can facilitate transmissions of the virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the New England Journal of Medicine reported that the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 can survive in the air of confined spaces for several hours in fine aerosol particles; and

WHEREAS, the New England Journal of Medicine report authors found that the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 can be detected up to three hours after it is airborne and can lead to human infection throughout that time period; and

WHEREAS, it remains unknown, and at best uncertain, if COVID-19 is generally transmitted by airborne particles and how long the COVID-19 remains infectious in air droplets; and

WHEREAS, airborne, aerosol respiratory droplets may easily be emitted by uncovered face, nose and mouth talking, spitting, coughing and sneezing.

THEREFORE, the Carrboro Town Council resolves that it is recommended that, without profiling or bias, any individual over the age of five (5) and able to medically tolerate a face-covering shall cover their nose and mouth with cloth face-covering or mask when in a public place and unable to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from another person.

THEREFORE, the Carrboro Town Council resolves that it is recommended that any person utilizing public or private transportation carriers or for-hire vehicles, who is over the age of five (5) and able to medically tolerate a face-covering, shall wear a face-covering or a mask over their nose and mouth during any such trip. Any person who is operating such a public or private transport, shall likewise wear a facecovering or mask which covers the nose and mouth while there are any passengers in such vehicle.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town shall promote and make publicly available COVID face-covering educational outreach, including through its website, on how face-covering or masks may be fashioned from materials commonly found in most homes, information on keeping coverings clean and ways to donate face-coverings and masks and materials that may be used to make these items.

BE IT RESOLVED that through the establishment of a clear policy of recommending and requesting the use of a face-covering or mask over the nose and mouth when in a public place and unable to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from another person, we hope to limit the spread and mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 disease, save lives, promote and ensure the health and safety of our town and county residents, public service employees, transit operators, and businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carrboro Town Council requests the Orange County Board of Commissioners, Chapel Hill Town Council, and Hillsborough Board of Commissioners consider passing resolutions recommending the use of face-covering when in a public place and unable to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from another person.

This, the 28th day of April 2020.