



**PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ELOY, ARIZONA
Requiring Wearing of Face Coverings in Public to Mitigate the Spread
of COVID-19**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) officially declared a pandemic due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, declared that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in Arizona that justified his declaration of a State of Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Eloy declared that a local emergency existed, and imposed all necessary measures and regulations to preserve the peace and order of the City; and,

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), based on an epidemiological assessment of Arizona specific data and in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, recommended the State implement enhanced mitigation strategies which are continuing; and,

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, Executive Order 2020-36, Stay Healthy, Return Smarter, Return Stronger, was issued outlining requirements for businesses to assist in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 as they reopened and mandated that businesses adopted policies consistent with guidance from the CDC and the ADHS; and,

WHEREAS, on the week of June 12, 2020, a study was published that demonstrated the effectiveness of face coverings in preventing the transmission of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, as of June 17, 2020, there have been 40,924 diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in Arizona including 1,239 deaths, and the State is seeing an increase in the number of cases and hospitalizations; and,

WHEREAS, the increased case numbers and hospitalizations necessitate the need for an increased focus on precautionary measures by both businesses and individuals; and,

WHEREAS, the current COVID-19 outbreak constitutes an immediate threat to the public health and safety of our residents, community and employees, and warrants that the City of Eloy take additional preventive measures to address the rapidly evolving threat to public health, safety and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-40, Governor Ducey authorized a county, city or town, based upon the conditions in their jurisdiction, to adopt a policy mandating the wearing of face coverings in public for the purpose of mitigating the spread of COVID-19, with the primary focus on educating and working to promote best practices to accomplish the goal of mitigation before any enforcement action is taken.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED, pursuant to Eloy City Code Section 2-54(F) and Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) §26-307 that due to the local emergency that exists in the City of Eloy, Arizona from the COVID-19 virus outbreak that it is hereby ordered within the City of Eloy the following:

1. Effective June 22, 2020, all individuals within the jurisdiction of the City of Eloy are required to wear face coverings in all public places, if they are or will be in contact with other individuals who are not in their household, or in spaces where it is difficult or impossible to maintain physical distancing. Face coverings are also required in all spaces where it is difficult or impossible to maintain physical distancing. Physical distancing means keeping (6) feet distance between individuals who are not in the same household. These spaces include but are not limited to grocery stores, restaurants and bars, retail stores, and special events. Businesses that interact with the public must require employees to wear face coverings. While wearing the face covering, it is still important to maintain physical distancing as it is the best defense against the spread of the COVID-19.

2. Exceptions for face coverings will be made under the following circumstances:

- For those who fall into the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance who should not wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or developmental disability.
- For children under 6 years old.
- For restaurant patrons while they are eating or drinking. If a patron is not seated at their table, a face covering is required.
- For individuals exercising outdoors, or while walking or exercising with other people from the same household, as long as physical distancing from others is maintained. For individuals congregating outdoors with other people not in their same household, face coverings are required when physical distancing is not maintained.
- In settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, including when obtaining or rendering goods or services, such as the receipt of dental services, medical treatments or while swimming.
- When a person is in a personal or work office or vehicle (or similar space) where others are not present as long as the public does not regularly visit the space.
- For public safety employees and/or emergency responders and/or field employees engaged in essential functions, when wearing the face covering would interfere with or limit their ability to carry out their duties or functions.
- For individuals complying with the directions of public safety employees.

3. In compliance with Executive Order No. 2020-40, enforcement of this proclamation shall focus first on education and providing guidance issued by the Arizona Department of Health Services, in order to promote the health and safety of Eloy residents as well as to further contain the spread of COVID-19. Individuals shall also be given an opportunity to comply with the proclamation before any enforcement action is taken.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED THAT THIS DECLARATION shall remain in

effect until Further Order of the MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL of ELOY Arizona, or revision by the Governor of the State of Arizona per Paragraph 7 of Executive Order 2020-40.

PROCLAIMED this 22nd day of June 2020 at the City of Eloy, Arizona.

Joel G. Belloc, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Myers, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen R. Cooper, City Attorney