

Story County  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
Tentative Special Agenda  
9/10/20

1. Originating From Administration Building, Story County Public Access Provided Via "Zoom" Meeting (Thursday)

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2. CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 A.M.
3. STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY A MEETING IN PERSON IS IMPOSSIBLE OR IMPRACTICAL, PER CODE SECTION 21.8.1
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
5. PUBLIC COMMENT #1:

This comment period is for the public to address topics on today's agenda

6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- I. Discussion And Consideration Of Tentative Referral From The Story County Board Of Health For Countywide Mandatory Face Cover Regulations And Consideration Of Resolution #21-18, Mandating The Use Of Face Coverings In Story County To Mitigate The Transmission Of Covid-19

Department Submitting Board of Supervisors

Documents:

[FACE COVERING RESOLUTION DRAFT.PDF](#)  
[REGULATION.PDF](#)

- II. Consideration Of Resolution #21-13 Requesting Reimbursement From The Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund - Sandra King

Department Submitting Board of Supervisors

Documents:

[RESOLUTION LGRF SEP 2020.PDF](#)

- III. Discussion And Consideration Of Allocating \$24,000 To Story County Public Health For The Purchase Of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) For Ongoing Care And Response To The COVID-19 Pandemic - Leanne Harter

Department Submitting Board of Supervisors

Documents:

[PPE PURCHASE MEMO.PDF](#)

7. PUBLIC FORUM #2:

Comments from the Public on Items not on this Agenda. The Board may not take any Action on the Comments due to the Requirements of the Open Meetings Law, but May Do So In the Future.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Story County strives to ensure that its programs and activities do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Persons requiring assistance, auxiliary aids or services, or accommodation because of a disability may contact the county's ADA coordinator at (515) 382-7204.

**RESOLUTION # 21-18**  
**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE**  
**STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FACE COVERING REGULATION**

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a national public health emergency related to the dangers posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States signed an emergency disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act authorizing emergency response measures in all fifty states in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor of Iowa issued a Proclamation of Public Health Disaster Emergency after multiple cases of COVID-19 had been confirmed in Iowa and the Iowa Department of Public Health determined that community spread was occurring within the state; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 135.140 defines a public health disaster as a disaster which specifically involves an imminent threat of an illness that poses a high probability of widespread exposure to an infectious agent that poses a significant risk of future harm to a large number of the affected population; and

WHEREAS, all available information indicates that COVID-19 continues to pose a substantial widespread risk of infection leading to a significant risk of harm to the population of Story County; and

WHEREAS, August has brought the return to Story County thousands of students to attend the Iowa State University, and the return of children to school which will further increase the risk of spread of the virus within our community; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has determined that face coverings are a critical tool in the fight against COVID-19 that could reduce the spread of the virus, particularly when used universally within communities; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's current proclamation requires that businesses and gatherings ensure social distancing of employees, customers, and attendees, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with the guidance of the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH); and

WHEREAS, the IDPH's reopening guidance advises that members of the public consider the use of face coverings when distancing is not possible because wearing face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies) can help slow the spread of COVID-19, and refers the public to the "local public health agency, the appropriate regulating agency or professional association" with questions about how to implement its guidance; and

WHEREAS, a requirement that persons wear face coverings is consistent with the Governor's proclamation, the guidance of the IDPH and the CDC; and

WHEREAS, a requirement that persons in Story County wear face coverings is essential to reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19, and necessary to protect the health, welfare and safety of residents and visitors and accelerate local recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Story County Board of Health enacted a face covering regulation on September 9, 2020, and has submitted such regulation to the Story County Board of Supervisors for approval pursuant to Iowa Code 137.104 (1)(b)(2); now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Story County Board of Supervisors in response to this ongoing public health emergency approves the following Story County Board of Health regulation to mandate the wearing of face coverings in public settings:

Dated this 10th day of September, 2020.



# FACE COVERING REGULATION

## Section 1. Authority and Applicability

- 1.1. Iowa Code 137.104 provides that, "a local board of health shall... make and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations not inconsistent with law and the rules of the state board as may be necessary for the protection and improvement of the public health."
- 1.2. The novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, also referred to as COVID-19, is a virus that primarily spreads from person to person and can result in serious illness, long-term negative health impacts or death.
- 1.3. The Story County Board of Health finds that COVID-19 poses a continuing and immediate threat to the public health of Story County, Iowa residents and visitors.

## Section 2. Definitions

- 2.1. "ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY" means the local board of health as authorized by Iowa Code Chapter 137, or its appointed representative.
- 2.2. "THE BOARD" means the Story County Board of Health.
- 2.3. "THE COUNTY" means Story County, Iowa.
- 2.4. "FACE COVERING" means a particulate mask or cloth covering that securely covers a person's nose and mouth and is secured to the face with ties, loops, or elastic, or a clear plastic shield that extends from a headpiece above the eyes to below the chin and curves around to the ears, and does not include masks, coverings, or shields with openings, holes, visible gaps in the design or material, exhalation valves or vents.
- 2.5. "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER" means a person who lives a majority of time with the person in their apartment, house, mobile home, or other structure intended for residential occupancy.
- 2.6. "PUBLIC SETTING" means an indoor or outdoor area, whether privately or publicly owned, to which the public have access by right or by invitation, expressed or implied, whether by payment of money or not, but not a place when used exclusively by one or more individuals for a private gathering or other personal purpose.

## Section 3. General Regulations

Therefore, pursuant to Iowa Code 137.104, be it hereby ordered and enforced by the Board as the Administrative Authority, as follows:

- 3.1. Every person in Story County shall wear a face covering when:
  - A. In public as opposed to being in one's place of residence, when one cannot stay six (6) feet away from others.

- B. Inside of any indoor public settings, for example, but not limited to:
    - 1. Grocery stores.
    - 2. Pharmacies.
    - 3. Hardware stores.
    - 4. Retail stores.
    - 5. Schools.
    - 6. Other public settings that are not one's place of residence and when you are with persons who do not live in the household.
  - C. Outside, if keeping six (6) feet away from others is not possible.
  - D. Using public transportation or private car service (including taxis, ride share or carpooling).
- 3.2. Exemptions. Places and times where persons are exempt from wearing a face covering:
- A. While traveling in a personal vehicle alone or with household members.
  - B. While a person is alone or is in the presence of only household members.
  - C. While exercising at moderate or high intensity e.g. jogging or biking.
  - D. While seated at a bar or food establishment in the process of eating or drinking.
  - E. While obtaining a service that would require temporary removal of the persons face covering.
  - F. When federal or state law prohibits wearing a face covering or requires the removal of the face covering
- 3.3. Exemptions. Persons who are exempt from wearing a face covering:
- A. Persons younger than two (2) years old due to the risk of suffocation.
  - B. Anyone who has trouble breathing, on oxygen therapy or ventilator.
  - C. Anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance.
  - D. Anyone who has been told by a medical, legal or behavioral health professional not to wear face coverings.
- 3.4. Appropriate Use. If a cloth face covering is chosen, appropriate use of a cloth face covering includes:
- A. A snug fit, but comfortable against the side of the face.
  - B. Completely covers the nose and mouth.
  - C. Is secured with ties or ear loops.

#### **Section 4. Enforcement, Penalties and Implementation**

- 4.1. The following regulation is not intended to be punitive or stigmatizing and is in the best interest of health, safety, and economic recovery. A violation shall constitute a simple misdemeanor.
- 4.2. The first offense shall be punishable by the minimum fine for a simple misdemeanor.
- 4.3. The second or subsequent offense shall be punishable by a fine up to the maximum fine for a simple misdemeanor.

4.4. This regulation shall become effective upon approval of the Board of Supervisors and publication in the local paper of record as described in Iowa Code section 137.104(l)(b)(2).

4.5. This regulation shall be lifted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors at the request of the Board of Health at the earliest date as determined by the Board of Health using data and statistics available.

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**TO:** Story County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Leanne Lawrie Harter, AICP, CFM  
**RE:** Consideration of Allocating \$24,000 to Story County Public Health for the Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Ongoing Care and Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic  
**DATE:** September 9, 2020

Story County staff is working through the FEMA Public Assistance (PA) grant development process in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic (FEMA-4483-DR-IA). Story County completed the Exploratory and Recovery Scoping Meetings in August, and is now working through the Damage Inventory. As part of that process, County staff reached out to Offices and Departments to determine expenditures to date as well as potential needs through the end of September (as directed through the Scoping meeting as part of the PA grant process).

Through this discovery process, Story County Public Health identified a need for additional Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to help support their ongoing and continued responses to COVID-19 throughout Story County. In order to acquire a 60-day supply, the purchase amount for the identified PPE totals \$24,000. Staff believes this type of expenditure falls within the FEMA PA grant process, however if denied through that means, there are numerous avenues for reimbursement of this expenditure.

### ***Recommendation***

Staff recommends the Board of Supervisors allocate \$24,000 to Story County Public Health for the purchase of the PPE, and direct County staff to indicate such allocation and purchase on the Damage Inventory as part of Story County's FEMA PA grant application.

I will be attending the Board meeting on September 10, 2020, and would be glad to address any questions you may have.