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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update – June 18, 2020

Bexar County Requires Businesses to Implement Safety Protocols

Bexar County has issued [Executive Order NW-10](#) in response to the record number of positive COVID-19 cases spiking during the last several days. This new order, effective as of 12:01 p.m. on June 17 through 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2020, extends the local disaster declaration and public health emergency for Bexar County. In addition, it requires the following:

Health and Safety Policy for Commercial Entities

- Commercial entities must implement, and post in a conspicuous location, a Health and Safety Policy for all employees and visitors.
- This shall be done by Monday, June 22. Failure to comply could result in fines of up to \$1,000 per each violation.
- The policy must require, at a minimum that all employees and visitors wear a face covering when doing any activity involving close contact or proximity to another employee or visitor (when 6 feet social distancing cannot be maintained). In addition, mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 may be included, such as temperature checks or health screenings.
- A commercial entity is defined as any business in Bexar County that provides goods or services directly to the public.

Face Coverings – General Public

- All individuals, 10 years of age or older, shall wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when in a public place when it is difficult to maintain 6 feet social distancing.
- Bexar County residents should maintain 6 feet social distancing from other individuals any time they are outside of their home.
- All Bexar County employees, including the City of Helotes staff, are required to wear face coverings under the same circumstances as the general public.
- The use of medical masks or N-95 masks is discouraged. The healthcare workers and first responders combating COVID-19 must have priority access to medical masks and other personal protective equipment.

COVID-19 in Bexar County is widespread. To contain this virus, we must all do our part to protect ourselves and each other. This means following all [CDC recommendations](#), including wearing face coverings, practicing social distancing, and good hygiene, including frequent hand washing. Vulnerable populations, those 65 years and older or individuals with underlying health conditions, are encouraged to stay home.

Go to the [Bexar County website](#) to review the full Executive Order NW-10.