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City issues order for mandatory face coverings at select essential businesses

WESTMINSTER, Calif. - As the City of Westminster continues to implement measures consistent with public health directives for the safety of the community, Interim City Manager Sherry Johnson has signed an executive order requiring that face coverings be worn by employees at select essential businesses operating in Westminster.

Effective immediately, Executive Order EO-03 mandates all business owners and operators of essential businesses employing four or more employees, and whose employees come into contact with the public while performing their duties, to require their employees to wear face coverings. Essential businesses are defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency](#).

The executive order also recommends all business owners and operators of essential businesses to require their customers to wear face coverings, and strongly encourages all business owners and operators of big-box retail stores within the city that sell groceries to the public to establish dedicated shopping hours for senior or at-risk populations who have been advised to avoid leaving home as much as possible.

As recommended by the California Department of Public Health and the County of Orange, anyone wearing a face covering is requested to wear one made of cloth instead of wearing N-95 or surgical masks, as those should be reserved for healthcare workers and first responders. A face covering may be factory-made or homemade from everyday items such as scarfs, bandanas, t-shirts, or towels.

The City of Westminster continues to encourage all residents who must conduct essential activities outside the home, and community members who work in Westminster to wear cloth face coverings in addition to practicing social distancing and frequently washing hands.

The State of California “stay at home” order remains in effect until further notice. For additional information and the latest updates, visit the City’s dedicated coronavirus [webpage](https://projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates) at <https://projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates>.

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