



**REVISED PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF
SOUTHPORT**

THAT WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 Virus and in order to maintain and protect the public health of the citizens and residents of Southport, on March 20, 2020, the City of Southport declared a State of Emergency pursuant to Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 6 of the Southport Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, said Proclamation has been subsequently revised by the Mayor of the City of Southport on several occasions; and

WHEREAS, health authorities, including the Centers for Disease Control, the Surgeon General of the United States and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services have recommended the use of face coverings as a means of preventing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is my desire as Mayor to curtail the spread of COVID-19 within the City of Southport by requiring the use of face coverings by persons within the City of Southport in accordance with the terms of this proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph P. Hatem, Mayor of the City of Southport, pursuant to the authority cited above, do hereby declare and proclaim the following:

- 1. Wearing of Face Coverings**- All persons who are present within the jurisdiction of the City of Southport are hereby required to wear a clean face covering any time they are or will be in contact with other people who are not household members in public or private spaces where it is not possible to maintain social distance or where recommended social distance practices are not being followed. These spaces include grocery stores, pharmacies, business establishments, retail stores, parking lots, sidewalks and public transit. While wearing a face covering, a person should still maintain social distance insofar as possible as a further defense against the spread of COVID-19.

A face covering must cover the nose and mouth. It may be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials such as cotton, silk or linen and may be factory made or sewn by hand and made from household items such as scarves, t-shirts and sweatshirts. Social distance, as referenced herein, shall mean the current parameters established by the Governor by Executive Order and by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, including as such parameters may be amended in the future.

Acceptable, re-usable face coverings for the general public include: bandanas, neck gaiters, homemade face coverings, scarves or tightly woven fabrics such as cotton t-shirts.

It is not required to wear face coverings during individual exercise outdoors or while walking or exercising with other people from the same household as long as social distance from others is maintained.

All restaurant, personal care, grooming, and retail employees and staff shall wear a face covering while on duty. All businesses should require customers to wear a face covering while inside the business.

All businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies, business establishments and retail stores shall post a conspicuous notice at the entrance informing customers and visitors that they should wear a face covering while on the premises.

2. Face Coverings Not Required—Face coverings are not required:

- For people whose religious beliefs prevent them from wearing a face covering.
- For those who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical or behavioral condition.
- For children under 12 years of age.
- For restaurant patrons while they are seated and dining.
- In private, individual offices.
- When complying with directions of law enforcement officers.
- In settings where it is not feasible to wear a face covering such as receiving dental services or while swimming.
- While with members of a family or same household.
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3. Applicability – The requirements established in this declaration shall supplement and be in addition to the other requirements associated with the COVID-19 State of Emergency within the City of Southport and shall not be limited by county or State requirements.

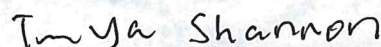
4. Distribution – I hereby order that this declaration (i) be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (ii) be filed with the City Clerk and posted on the City website; and (iii) be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation.

5. Effective Date and Time—This declaration shall take effect at 5 pm on June 22 2020, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

This the 22 day of June, 2020.

City of Southport


Joseph P. Hatem, Mayor



Attest:// Tanya Shannon, Deputy Clerk

