

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-098

To: Sharon Reaves, Director, Department of Human Resources

From: Ilene Shapiro, County Executive

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Subject: Face mask requirements in County buildings.

Whereas, the COVID-19 Pandemic has given rise to a declaration of emergency by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine (EO 2020-01D) and various directives issued by the Ohio Department of Health pursuant to Section 3701.13 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

Whereas, I issued a Declaration of Emergency on March 13, 2020, in concert with a Declaration of Public Health Emergency made by the Summit County Combined General Health District Commissioner, Donna Skoda, on March 13, 2020; and

Whereas, recently modified work from home orders have resulted in increased numbers of employees returning to work in County buildings; and

Whereas, to protect employees and members of the public who are present in County buildings from the risk of spreading COVID-19 it is necessary to implement certain policies including a policy regarding the use of face masks in County buildings by members of the public and by County employees;

Now therefore, by virtue of my authority under Article X, section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, Article II, section 2.03 of the County of Summit Charter, and the laws of the State of Ohio and the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, I make the following orders:

1. The County of Summit shall comply with all directives of the Ohio Department of Health, and guidelines issued by that organization or the Center for Disease Control regarding face coverings.
2. All County employees are to wear a face covering while at work and in any public area of the building or when interacting within their work space with two (2) or more co-workers and where

appropriate distancing (i.e. at least 6 feet between each person present) is not possible. Face masks need not be worn if working alone in a contained work area (i.e. walled cubicle) or office or when appropriate distancing can be maintained.

3. All members of the public entering County buildings are required to wear a facemask in order to enter and transact business within those buildings.
4. Face coverings do not need to be worn by anyone who has respiratory issues or any time it has been deemed not medically advisable for them to do so or in any circumstance recognized by the Ohio Department of Health.
5. This order will take effect July 1, 2020.

6/26/2020
DATE


ILENE SHAPIRO
EXECUTIVE