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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY 2020-02

San Juan County Public Health reaffirms that there is a Local State of Emergency and a Local Public Health Disaster in San Juan County caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic. This Advisory is in effect as of June 8, 2020.

SJCPH strongly advises the public to wear a non-medical face covering. This advice is crucial to reducing the spread of COVID-19.

- Research shows that people who have no symptoms can spread COVID-19.
- This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity. For example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing are modes of spread, even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms. In light of this new evidence, the Colorado Department of Public Health (CDPHE), the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores, enclosed building units) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.
- Everyone should wear a face covering when out in public. Employees should wear a face covering when working. If possible, face coverings should be provided to employees and customers.
- Face coverings protect the individual and the community.
- Face coverings are one set of tools that must be used in conjunction with social distancing, testing, monitoring symptoms and increased hand washing to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Homemade and disposable face coverings do not meet the standard for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and should not be used for tasks that require PPE such as biohazard clean up or handling concentrated chemicals or in a healthcare setting.
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- Those with a health condition that prevents them from wearing a face covering are exempt from this advisory. Children under 3 years of age are exempted from this advisory.
- The Public Health Advisory is in effect for the duration of the State of Colorado Public Health Order 20-28 June 2, 2020.

FACE COVERINGS SHOULD:

- Be clean and in good repair
- Fit snugly, but comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secure
- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for breathing without restriction
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried
- Be on the wearer's face
- Be laundered on a daily basis

FACE COVERINGS SHOULD NOT:

- Have anything hanging off the face covering that would create a food safety hazard.
- Have holes or tears.
- face coverings should not be shared with others.

WEARING FACE COVERINGS:

- Wash your hands before and after putting a face covering in place.
- Do not touch the face covering again until you remove it.
- Face coverings should be positioned so that there is no need to adjust or otherwise touch the face frequently.
- If your face covering becomes soiled or hard to breathe through, you should remove and not wear again until laundered.
- Remove your face covering to eat and drink and if it is still in good repair, you may continue to use it for the duration of your shift.

EXECUTIVE ORDER AND PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER:

- The Governor's Executive Order [D 2020 091 Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors](#)
- The State of Colorado Public Health Order. [20-28 Safer at Home.FifthAmended.60220](#)

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