



**CITY OF GRETNA
STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
in conformity with
Resolution 2020-20**

**ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR
STATE OF EMERGENCY - CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

- WHEREAS** on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Louisiana, in Emergency Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, declared a Public Health Emergency in response to the threat posed by COVID-19; and,
- WHEREAS** pursuant to the City of Gretna Resolution 2020-20, the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, La. R.S. 29:760, et seq., and the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R. S. 29:721, *et seq.* the City of Gretna declared, on March 16, 2020, a Public Health Emergency Resolution 2020-20 in response to the threat posed by COVID-19; and,
- WHEREAS** the original proclamation issued by the Governor was further supplemented on March 14, 2020, March 16, 2020, March 19, 2020, March 22, 2020, March 26, 2020, March 31, 2020, April 30, 2020, May 15, 2020, and June 25, 2020 in order to protect the health and safety of the public because the extraordinary threat posed by COVID-19; and,
- WHEREAS** on April 16, 2020, the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued guidelines entitled "Opening Up America Again" that provided guidance to the states on how various parts of the economy could be re-opened; and,
- WHEREAS** the Governor has renewed and extended Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, as well as Proclamation Numbers 27 JBE 2020, 30 JBE 2020, 32 JBE 2020, 33 JBE 2020, 37 JBE 2020, and 52 JBE 2020, among others; and,
- WHEREAS** since moving into Phase 2, Jefferson Parish has experienced an alarming spike in new COVID-19 cases and COVID-related hospitalizations; and
- WHEREAS** new information and data from medical professionals indicates that the Coronavirus is more likely to be spread from individual to individual through close contact indoors and particularly through large gatherings where people do not practice social distancing or wear masks or face coverings; and
- WHEREAS** in order to attempt to limit the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to require individuals to wear personal protective masks or facial coverings while indoors and in any common area in all commercial and public buildings; and
- WHEREAS** The Jefferson Parish President in proclamation number 10 CLS 2020 has introduced additional measures for State of Emergency - Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID -19) relative to the wearing of face masks; and

WHEREAS these measures are necessary to protect the health and safety of the people of the City of Gretna.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Belinda C Constant, Mayor of the City of Gretna, by virtue of the authority vested in me, by City of Gretna Resolution 2020-20, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, and any other acts which may prevail, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1 Pursuant to the City of Gretna Resolution 2020-20 and the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, La. R.S. 29:760, et seq., and the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R. S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency is hereby declared to exist within and throughout the City of Gretna as a result of the novel coronavirus named SARS-CoV-2 and the respiratory disease cause by it known as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which has created emergency conditions that threaten the lives and property of the citizens of the City of Gretna.

SECTION 2 In response to the World Health Organization March 11, 2020, designation of the COVID-19 outbreak as a worldwide pandemic, individuals in the City of Gretna shall be required to wear personal protective masks or facial coverings:

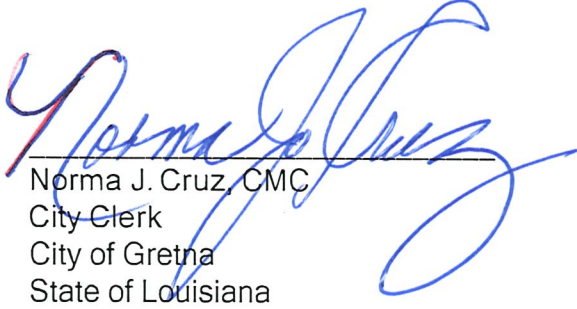
- When indoors and in any common area; such as hallways, stairways, elevators, parking facilities, etc., in all commercial and public buildings;
- Riding on public transportation or paratransit.

SECTION 3 The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face mask/covering:


- Persons younger than two years old. These very young children must not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
- Face masks/coverings must be worn upon entering and exiting restaurants, bars or other establishments that offers food or beverage service; otherwise, persons are exempt who are seated at a restaurant, bar or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, while they are eating or drinking, provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.
- Face masks/coverings must be worn upon entering and exiting gyms or other fitness or recreational facilities; otherwise, persons are exempt who are properly socially distanced while working out at a gym or other fitness or recreational facility.

SECTION 4 Schools, daycares and summer camps are to follow the guidance established by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) and Louisiana Department of Health (LDH).

SECTION 5 The provisions established herein shall be effective upon execution.



Norma J. Cruz, CMC
City Clerk
City of Gretna
State of Louisiana



Belinda C. Constant
Mayor
City of Gretna
State of Louisiana

July 8, 2020

Date