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**County of Los Angeles Extends “Safer at Home” Order Through May 15
Requires Face Coverings at Essential Businesses**

Manhattan Beach, CA (April 10, 2020) - The County of Los Angeles has announced an extension of the “Safer at Home” order, pushing the tentative end date through May 15, 2020. The extension of the order, first issued by the County Department of Public Health on March 21, 2020, also requires face coverings to enter essential businesses. Additionally, the extension of the order requires essential businesses provide cloth face coverings to employees that have contact with one another or members of the public.

Effective Wednesday, April 15, 2020, all residents throughout Los Angeles County, including Manhattan Beach, must wear a face covering over their noses and mouths when entering businesses, such as, grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, hardware stores, laundry services, and restaurants.

“While we are entering this critical week, this is a necessary step to save lives. Wearing a face covering will protect yourself and others from this virus. Everyone has some sort of cloth at home that they can fashion into a face covering to comply with this order. The City is still encouraging people to stay home, however, if you must go out for essentials, please wear a face covering,” said Mayor Richard Montgomery.

The face coverings are not required to be medical grade surgical masks or N95 respirators. The City is encouraging residents to refrain from buying such medical grade masks so that they can be reserved for healthcare professionals, emergency responders, or people who are immuno-compromised. Alternatively, residents can wear homemade face cloths by following the [City’s guidance](#) or the [federal government’s instructions](#).

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, the City of Manhattan Beach will continue to provide updates. Information regarding the coronavirus is changing frequently. For accurate and up to date information about COVID-19, please visit the [County Department of Public Health website](#), [sign up for eNotifications](#) and [Nixle](#) public safety alerts, and follow the City on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Nextdoor](#), and [Instagram](#).

For questions on the implementation of the County's Order and City measures related to addressing COVID-19, please send an email to covid-19questions@citymb.info.