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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Face Coverings Required While in Close Contact with Others and in Essential Businesses  
Strongly Encouraged in Public and While Exercising**

Manhattan Beach, CA (April 15, 2020) - Starting today, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health requires that members of the public must wear face coverings: (1) if that person will be within six feet of another person for longer than 10 minutes except members of your household; or (2) while visiting any essential business such as a grocery store. Essential businesses' employees who interact with the public or one another are also required to wear face coverings. In addition, the City is strongly encouraging residents to wear face coverings at any time while in public, especially during exercise activities.

"We have a highly active community that prides itself on physical fitness. During these times, everyone should take additional precautions where possible. The entire City Council and I encourage the community to go beyond the County's orders and wear face coverings while in public. Additionally, those engaging in vigorous activities, such as biking and running, are strongly encouraged to use face coverings to reduce the likelihood of spreading the virus through increased respiration levels. Finally, essential businesses are reminded that they play an important part in these public health orders, and are required to enforce social distancing and face covering requirements," said Mayor Richard Montgomery.

Effective today, all essential businesses must enforce the use of face coverings by public visitors and employees who interact with the public or one another. As required by the [City's Ordinance](#), essential businesses must also enforce social distancing requirements. These measures add a new layer of protection and will make our community safer and stronger as we continue to "flatten the curve."

Health professionals advise that simple cloth face coverings, fashioned from household items, can be used to slow the spread of the virus and can help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others.

Cloth face coverings should:

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face;
- be secured with ties or ear loops;

- include multiple layers of fabric;
- allow for breathing without restriction; and
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age two, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance.

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](mailto:covid-19questions@citymb.info).