

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-04**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING THE USE OF FACE COVERINGS  
UNDER A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE  
VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
(COVID-19 – APRIL 13, 2020)**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of River Forest (“Village”) is a non-home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 7 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, also known as the “coronavirus,” is a dangerous disease which has spread around the world, including in the United States, the State of Illinois, Cook County and the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a direct and serious threat to the public’s health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a disaster proclamation in the State of Illinois related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Village President declared a state of emergency in the Village in Declaration 20-1, entitled “Declaration of a State of Emergency in the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois (COVID-19 – March 16, 2020)” (“Declaration”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued Executive Order 20-10, which as amended and extended, is a “Stay At Home” order (which as amended and extended is the “Governor’s Stay At Home Order”), allowing only “essential businesses” to operate and limiting the movement of persons in Illinois in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, which has a significant and material impact on Village residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2020, the Village President declared a continued state of emergency in the Village in Declaration 20-2, entitled “Declaration of a Continued State of Emergency in the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois (COVID-19 – March 30, 2020)” (“First Continued Declaration”) and

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2020, the Village President declared a continued state of emergency in the Village in Declaration 20-3, entitled “Declaration of a Continued State of Emergency in the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois (COVID-19 – April 13, 2020)” (“Second Continued Declaration”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration, the First Continued Declaration and the Second Continued Declaration were made pursuant to authority granted to the Village President in Section 1-5-7 of the Village of River Forest Village Code, entitled “State of

Emergency,” and pursuant to Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Executive Order there is neither a tested and effective vaccine, nor a proven therapeutic treatment available, for COVID19; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization indicates that COVID-19 may spread by respiratory droplets produced when a person infected with COVID-19 exhales or coughs; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) stated that a person infected with COVID-19 who shows no symptoms may spread COVID-19 more widely than previously believed and that people infected with COVID-19 are the most contagious before experiencing symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 3, 2020, the CDC recommended that all people wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other social and physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 2020, the United States Surgeon General recommended that people wear face coverings because there is a significant number of asymptomatic people with COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village, by implementing a face covering requirement during these unprecedented times, is creating a safer public health environment that should assist the Governor in deciding to allow the gradual reopening of additional business in the Village that have been closed under the Governor’s Stay At Home Order for over a month, such as but not limited to hair salons, pet grooming, clothing stores and novelty stores; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village President has determined that it is necessary to make this Executive Order to best protect the public’s health, safety and welfare regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and to assist the Governor in determining to allow the gradual reopening of additional businesses in the Village under Governor’s Stay At Home Order;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED**, by the Village President of the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois:

**SECTION 1: Incorporation.** That the recitals above shall be and are incorporated in this Section 1 as if restated herein.

**SECTION 2: Executive Order.** That in order to help Village residents, businesses and the community at large deal with the significant negative health repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic it is ordered:

1. Face coverings required and encouraged by this Executive Order shall cover a person's nose and mouth and be made of cloth or material reasonably designed and made to inhibit, filter, slow or restrict the breath, sneeze, cough or exhaling from the mouth and nose of the person wearing the face covering. Face coverings shall be worn, except as set forth in Section 2 below, when a person:

A. Works in an "Essential Business" or performs "Essential Business Operations," as both phrases are defined in the Governor's Stay At Home Order, when the person has contact with the public. The person's employer shall provide a face covering. Persons covered by this requirement include, but are not limited to, employees of grocery stores, restaurants, hardware and supply stores, financial institutions, laundry services, essential governmental functions, construction sites, automotive repair shops, gas stations, landscaping activities and any home or curbside delivery carriers. This requirement takes effect on Friday, April 24, 2020 at 12:01 AM.

B. Engages in any "Essential Activity," as defined in the Governor's Stay At Home Order, such as, but not limited to, shopping for necessary supplies and services, seeking medical supplies or medication or visiting a health care professional. This requirement takes effect on Tuesday April 28, 2020 at 12:01 AM.

C. Rides in public transportation, taxis or ride share vehicles. This requirement takes effect on Tuesday April 28, 2020 at 12:01 AM.

A business owner or operator may refuse admission or service to any person, in their discretion, who fails to wear a face covering when required by this Executive Order. Business owners and operators shall use their reasonable best judgment under this Executive Order and there may be times where refusing admission or service is inappropriate. Business owners and operators are encouraged to provide a sanitary or disposable face covering to any person without one, if available and appropriate.

2. The face covering requirement of Section 1 of this Executive Order does not apply:

A. To a person under the age of two (2).

B. When a person is engaged in an outdoor activity permitted by the Governor's Stay At Home Order, such as walking, hiking, running, exercising or biking, while obeying with social and physical distancing of at least six feet (6') from persons who are not members of the same household.

C. When a person is riding in a personal vehicle.

D. When a person is alone or with members of the same household in a private space that is not open to the general public.

E. When doing so poses a greater health, safety or security risk to the person or to the public.

3. The phrase “members of the same household” in this Executive Order shall mean “a group of people, related or unrelated, who occupy the same dwelling unit on a fulltime basis and use common cooking, eating and sanitation facilities.”

4. Appropriate face coverings include non-medical grade masks, homemade face coverings, scarves, bandanas or handkerchiefs. Medical-grade masks and N95 respirators are not recommended for general public use under this Executive Order and should be reserved for use by health care providers, medical providers and first-responders.

5. The intent of this Executive Order is to quickly, temporarily and further increase the usage of face coverings by persons in public to reduce the spread of COVID-19, to protect essential workers in the Village, to assist the Governor in deciding to allow for the gradual reopening of businesses in the Village under the Governor’s Stay At Home Order and to protect the health, safety and welfare of Village residents. This Executive Order does not diminish the need for all residents, employees and persons in the Village to comply with social and physical distancing requirements.

6. This Executive Order does not waive or suspend compliance with any federal or State law, regulation, directive, order or requirement.

**SECTION 3: Duration.** That this Executive Order expires upon the earlier of (a) the Continued Declaration ending, (b) withdrawal of this Executive Order by the Village President or (c) this Executive Order being superseded by State law or an executive order of the Governor of the State of Illinois.



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Catherine Adduci, Village President

Date: April 22, 2020