

**CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION**

ITEM: Approval of Resolution Encouraging
COVID-19 Public Health Practices

DATE: August 3, 2020

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND:

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on our nation, state, and city, as the number of confirmed cases continues to increase.

The World Health Organization has determined that wearing face shields or cloth face masks has proven to be one of the most effective means to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus among persons in public settings.

The City of West Des Moines desires that individuals in the City comply with recommended practices to reduce the virus spread including social distancing and the use of face shields or cloth face masks.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution Encouraging COVID-19 Public Health Practices

Lead Staff Member: Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk *RTJ*

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	<i>RTJ</i>

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee			
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

RESOLUTION
ENCOURAGING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICES IN WEST DES MOINES

WHEREAS, countries around the globe have experienced the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic with over 17 million confirmed cases and 670,000 deaths; and

WHEREAS, the United States has over 4.4 million cases and 150,000 deaths; and

WHEREAS, Iowa has over 44,000 cases and 865 deaths; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Polk, Dallas, Warren and Madison have over 11,700 cases and 239 deaths; and

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 cases continue to increase in our nation, state and counties placing our residents at risk for serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has determined that wearing face shields or cloth face masks has proven to be one of the most effective means to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus among persons in public settings; and

WHEREAS, it is critically important to protect the residents, visitors, students and employees in the City of West Des Moines from the spread of the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Des Moines desires that individuals in the City comply with recommended practices to reduce the virus spread including social distancing and the use of face shields or cloth face masks.

WHEREAS, the City of West Des Moines encourages businesses throughout West Des Moines to explore similar measures as a way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and help keep businesses operational.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA:

That the City encourages everyone to social distance and wear face shields or cloth masks when they are in proximity of other persons both in public as well as private locations and that these practices continue until substantial progress in curbing the spread of the COVID-19 virus had been declared by public health officials.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of August, 2020.

By: _____
Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk