

## City Policy – COVID-19 Masks & Cloth Face Coverings

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The City of Fond du Lac will follow Gov. Evers Emergency Order for the requirement of face coverings. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the lives of many and new data shows a growing increase of cases. In response to this, Gov. Evers has proclaimed a public health emergency exists for the State of Wisconsin.

The first Emergency Order relates to preventing the spread of COVID-19 by requiring face coverings in certain situations. As mentioned earlier, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the use of nonmedical masks or cloth face coverings in public settings because they are a proven, effective way to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The City of Fond du Lac recognizes the importance and effectiveness of face coverings, with Wisconsin being the 32<sup>nd</sup> state to implement requirements for them. See the below links for definitions and exceptions to the Order.

<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EO082-PHECOVIDSecondSpike.pdf>

<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/EmO01-FaceCoverings.pdf>

<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/FaceCoveringFAQ.pdf>

The last FAQ on the first page of the FaceCoveringFAQ says that you do not need to wear a mask indoors if you are the only person in the room.

While you may have a mask of your own, the CDC has put out some instructions for making and caring for homemade cloth face coverings for when a mask is not available. Please see these recommendations and instructions in the below links. Note that the CDC has made clear that the cloth face coverings guideline for nonmedical settings are not surgical masks or N95 respirators.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>