

## **Proclamation for Face Coverings in City Owned Facilities in Mechanicsville, Iowa**

Numerous public health experts have recommended that face coverings be used in conjunction with other social distancing and public health measures to slow the spread of COVID 19. Universal face coverings are an important component in the fight to slow the spread of COVID 19. To reduce the spread of COVID 19, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that people wear masks in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

Please visit the Iowa Department of Public Health ([idhp.iowa.gov](http://idhp.iowa.gov)), Iowa CoronaVirus ([coronavirus.iowa.gov](http://coronavirus.iowa.gov)) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC.gov](http://CDC.gov)) websites for more information.

Because of the growing cases in Cedar and surrounding counties and in the State of Iowa, I am proclaiming that face coverings shall be worn by all persons over the age of two in all City owned facilities. This includes: City Hall and Fire Station; Park Shelter (if it is a public event), The Public Library, and all other City owned buildings not specifically mentioned. This proclamation will be in effect from November 13th, 2020 thru January 1st, 2021, unless otherwise updated or amended.

Businesses within the City Limits will not be required to comply with this proclamation. However, businesses may choose to adopt this proclamation for the health and safety of their patrons. Although this proclamation does not extend to businesses, it is expected that businesses practice good cleaning habits and encourage social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID 19. Businesses must follow the current state guidelines pertaining to COVID 19.

As Mayor, I encourage all citizens of Mechanicsville to wear masks in public, within or outside the city limits. Please take care of yourself and be mindful of the health and safety of persons around you.

“Face covering” shall mean a cloth mask, surgical mask or similar covering that covers their nose and mouth. The terms “mask” and “face covering” are synonymous.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Andrew J. Oberbreckling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Andrew J. Oberbreckling  
City of Mechanicsville Mayor