

## City of Cedar Rapids Mayor Issues Mask Mandate

September 2, 2020

Cedar Rapids Mayor Brad Hart today signed an emergency proclamation making face coverings mandatory in public places throughout Cedar Rapids, whenever proper social distance cannot be maintained. The mandate is effective immediately. Scientific studies have shown that face coverings over the mouth and nose significantly reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

“For several months, I have been encouraging, even begging, for the voluntary use of masks by all residents in public in order to protect our residents and get us back to our normal lives more quickly,” said Mayor Hart. “Unfortunately, we have continued to see an increase of cases throughout Iowa, making a mask mandate more critical than ever to slow the spread in our community.”

Enforcement will focus on education, stressing the health and safety needs of the community. The Cedar Rapids Police Department will have face coverings available to distribute to residents not following the mandate.



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