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## Frequently Asked Questions

ORDINANCE 2170: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS FOR ALL PERSONS INSIDE BUSINESSES AND OTHER FACILITIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS DELTA VARIANT CAUSES A RISE IN CASES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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*This document will be updated periodically as staff receives additional questions.*

### **What is considered a “business” in the ordinance?**

A “business” includes all commercial, retail, wholesale, professional, and service establishments, whether for profit or not for profit, if members of the public, guests, clients, customers, and/or persons who are not family or household members may enter or otherwise come into contact with owners, operators, or employees.

### **How do I report a violation of Ordinance 2170?**

All violations can be reported by calling the Borough’s non-emergency number at (814) 234-7150.

### **Is there specific language to be utilized when posting public entrances?**

Yes, all businesses shall post at all public entrances a notice advising that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, entering the business or other buildings open to the public are required to wear a face covering when in the business or other building open to the public.

### **Who is enforcing the ordinance?**

Law enforcement and other public safety, health officers, ordinance enforcement officers, and emergency management personnel are charged with the enforcement of this ordinance.

### **When are face coverings/masks not required?**

Wearing of face coverings shall NOT be required under the following circumstances:

- If the person is under 2 years of age.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering, provided that said person provides documentation from a licensed medical professional of such medical, mental health, or disability preventing

the wearing of a face covering. In the event that the person provides said documentation immediately, or within five days, the citation shall not be issued.

- Persons who are hearing impaired, or who are communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- Persons who are obtaining a service or treatment involving the nose or face or a medical procedure for which temporary removal of the face-covering is necessary to perform the service.
- Persons who are seated at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, and all requirements as established by the Pennsylvania Department of Health are followed.

**Do I have to wear a face covering/mask if I'm vaccinated?**

Yes, the ordinance is based on CDC guidance that face coverings/masks should be worn inside, regardless of vaccination status, in areas of high transmission.

**Do I need to wear a mask when seated a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service?**

No, persons who are seated at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, and all requirements as established by the Pennsylvania Department of Health are followed.

**Do I need to wear a face covering/mask when working out or exercising at a gym?**

Yes, according to the ordinance, face coverings/masks are required while participating in indoor physical activity in a gym, fitness center, or group fitness classes.

**Are performers at performing arts centers/theaters required to wear a face covering/mask?**

No, performers are not required to wear a mask while on stage since the stage is not considered a space accessible to the public. However, if the performers go into the audience or other space accessible by the general public, masks are required.

**Are those performing a religious service indoors required to wear a face covering/mask?**

No, those performing in a religious service in an area not accessible to the public such as the stage or choir loft are not required to wear a mask because they are not in a space accessible to the public in the church.

**Are those patrons attending a private event required to wear a face covering/mask?**

Yes, if the business is opened to the public, even during a private event, everyone is required to wear a mask.

**Are employees in private offices required to wear a face covering/mask?**

Employees isolated in their personal office space, when unshared with any other colleagues, do not need to wear a mask. However, when the employee leaves their individual office or has invited a colleague into their office, they must wear a mask.