



City of Okolona *Office of the Mayor*

The following Local Executive Order further amends and supplements any and all previous Local Executive Orders and its Emergency Proclamations and Resolutions adopted by the City of Okolona, Mississippi pertaining to COVID-19. All provisions of previous local orders and proclamations shall remain in full force and effect.

LOCAL EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC AND IN BUSINESSES

The White House and CDC guidelines state the criteria for reopening up America should be based on data-driven conditions within each region or state before proceeding to the next phased opening. Data should be based on a symptoms, cases, and hospitals. Based on cases alone, there must be a downward trajectory of documented cases with a 14-day period or a downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests with a 14-day period. There has been no such downward trajectory in the documented cases in Chickasaw County since (March 24, 2020).

Governor Tate Reeves in his Executive Order No. 492(l) authorizes the City of Okolona to implement more restrictive measures than currently in place for other Mississippians to facilitate preventative measures against COVID-19 thereby creating the downward trajectory necessary for reopening.

In an effort to strive to keep the City of Okolona's economy remaining open for business, effective at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2020, all persons who are present with the jurisdiction of the City of Okolona shall wear a clean face covering any time they are, or will be, in contact with people in indoor public or business spaces where it is not possible to maintain social distance. While wearing the face covering, it is essential to still maintain social distance being the best defense against the spread of COVID-19. The intent of this executive order is to encourage voluntary compliance with the requirements established herein by the businesses and persons within the jurisdiction of the City of Okolona.

It is recommended that all indoor public or business spaces require persons to wear a face covering for entry. Upon entry, social distancing and activities shall follow guidelines of the City of Okolona and the Governor's executive orders pertaining to particular businesses and business activity.

Persons shall properly wear face coverings ensuring the face covering covers the mouth and nose.

1. Signage should be posted by entrances to businesses stating the face covering requirement for entry.
2. A patron located inside an indoor public or business space without a face covering will be asked to leave by the business owner(s) if the patron is unwilling to come into compliance with wearing a face covering.
3. Face coverings are not required for:
 - a. People whose religious beliefs prevent them from wearing a face covering.
 - b. Those who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical or behavioral condition.
 - c. Restaurant patrons while dining.
 - d. Private, individual offices or offices with fewer than ten (10) employees.
 - e. Other settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, including when obtaining or rendering goods or services, such as receipt of dental services or swimming.
 - f. Banks, gyms, or spaces with physical barrier partitions which prohibit contact between the customer(s) and employee.
 - g. Small offices where the public does not interact with the employee(s).
 - h. Children under twelve (12) years of age.
 - i. That upon the formulation of an articulable safety plan which meets the goals of this executive order businesses may seek an exemption in writing emailed to mayorcarothers@cityofokolona.com

FACE COVERINGS DO NOT HAVE TO BE MEDICAL MASKS OR N95 MASKS. A BANDANA, SCARF, T-SHIRT, HOMEMADE MASK, ETC. MAY BE USED. THEY MUST PROPERLY COVER BOTH A PERSON'S MOUTH AND NOSE.

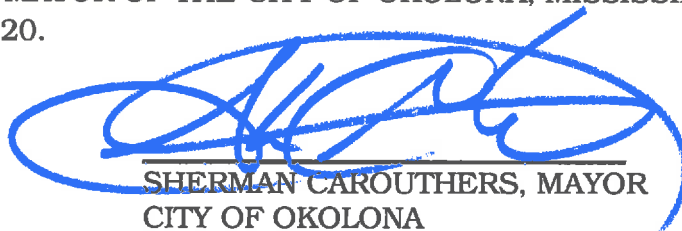
Those businesses that are subject to regulatory oversight of a separate state or federal agency shall follow the guidelines of said agency or regulating body if there is a conflict with this executive order.

Pursuant to § 33-15-17(d), *Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated*, as amended, this local executive order shall remain in full effect under these terms until reviewed, approved or disapproved at the first regular meeting following such local executive order or a special meeting legally called for such review.

The City of Okolona reserves its authority to respond to local conditions as necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

SO ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OKOLONA, MISSISSIPPI, THIS
THE __1st__ DAY OF JULY 2020.




SHERMAN CAROTHERS, MAYOR
CITY OF OKOLONA

ATTEST:

Stephanie Collins

~~Kim Collins, City Clerk~~

Stephanie Collins, Deputy Clerk