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FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DIRECTIVE AND ORDER CONCERNING FACE COVERINGS FOR ENHANCED  
CUSTOMER AND EMPLOYEE SAFETY

Pursuant to Code of Maryland Regulations, Sec. 10.06.01.06

I, Barbara A. Brookmyer, M.D., M.P.H., Health Officer for Frederick County, as a designee for Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health for the State of Maryland, and pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations, Section 10.06.01.06 and the authority delegated to County Health Officers by Governor Larry Hogan in Executive Order 20-04-05-02 (as amended) and relevant authority, finding it necessary for the control and medical containment of 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("SARS-CoV-2") and the disease that it causes - Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), hereby direct the following measures to be implemented to ensure consumer and employee safety in "essential retail businesses".

1. "Essential retail business" as used in this Directive and Order means a retail business deemed essential and permitted to remain open by the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-03-30-01 (as amended)
2. Customers are required to wear face coverings in essential businesses. Cloth face coverings may be used as a face covering. Masks of surgical grade nature, such as N95 masks, should be reserved for individuals in health care.
3. Essential retail businesses must establish capacity limits that promote social distancing spaces by setting limits on:
  - a. the number of customers in the facility at a given time, and
  - b. the number of individuals in any queue outside the establishment.
4. Essential retail businesses must provide their employees with access to clean and sanitary restrooms stocked with cleansing products, such as soap and sanitizer. Employers must allow employees to wash their hands at a minimum of every 30 minutes.
5. Essential retail businesses must require employees to wear face coverings. Employers must provide such coverings or make provisions for employees to obtain them.

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6. Essential retail businesses must comply with existing state and local sanitation requirements and statutes. Any complaints will be followed and investigated according to standard protocols and policy. A person who knowingly and willfully violates this Order is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1000.
7. Essential retail businesses must:
  - a. implement physical distancing measures for employees, customers and visitors, and
  - b. display appropriate signage.
8. An employer of an essential retail business which uses shared equipment, such as baskets or hand carts, must provide sanitation equipment, such as handiwipes or alcohol swabs, for individual use.
9. The installation of physical barriers (e.g. Plexiglas, plastic wrap) between cashiers and customers is encouraged where possible.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL 2020, AND IS EFFECTIVE. Thursday, April 16, 2020.

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Health Officer for Frederick County