



**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8

**ORDER GOVERNING FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING
IN STORES AND BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF LA QUINTA
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

Date of Executive Order: May 12, 2020

Pursuant to Chapter 2.20 of the La Quinta Municipal Code and City Council Resolution No. EM 2020-001, the City Manager for the City of La Quinta hereby ORDERS the following:

1. In light of, and notwithstanding, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors decision on May 8, 2020, to rescind orders of the Riverside County Public Health Officer, all persons in the City of La Quinta shall continue to use a face covering and social distancing when inside a grocery store or drug store consistent with the "stay-at-home" order issued by California Governor Executive Order N-33-20, as supplemented by Order N-60-20, and guidance related thereto issued by the California Department of Public Health.
2. The city strongly recommends that all other stores and businesses in the City of La Quinta require the use of face coverings and social distancing when inside their stores or businesses, and that these stores and businesses post notices conspicuously so that all persons entering their stores and businesses know their respective policies concerning the use of face coverings and social distancing. The city also strongly recommends that stores and businesses in the City of La Quinta follow the "COVID-19 Industry Guidance" for their respective industries, available at the California Department of Public Health website <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>, with respect to the use of face coverings for employees and customers or clients.

3. For purposes of this order, "face covering" includes scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandanas, neck gaiter, or other fabric face coverings or masks that cover the mouth and nose; provided, however, persons are discouraged from using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as N95 masks, for non-medical reasons. A face covering should be washed after use. For purposes of this order, "social distancing" means maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from other people.
4. This order is issued to best protect the public health and welfare and follows the most recent orders and directives from the California Department of Public Health. Any subsequent order from the City Manager shall be based on further direction, if and when issued, from the California Department of Public Health or the Riverside County Public Health Officer, including any further direction on the Internet Web site for the California Department of Public Health, at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/> and Riverside County Public Health Office at: <https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus>, or successor Web sites established by the state department or county public health office.
5. The Assistant to the City Manager is hereby directed to coordinate, deploy, and monitor the compliance with this order with notices to the public and any other reasonable means necessary or appropriate.
6. This order shall remain in effect until terminated or amended by subsequent order from the City Manager.

This Executive Order is issued because a Local Emergency, as defined in Section 2.20.020 of the La Quinta Municipal Code, has been proclaimed by the City Council of the City of La Quinta to exist due to the threat of the existence and spread of novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in and throughout the city. All of the findings set forth in the recitals to Resolution No. EM 2020-001 adopted by the City Council are hereby incorporated by reference into this Executive Order.

This Executive Order is issued, pursuant to Sections 3, 5, and 8 of Resolution No. EM 2020-001 and Section 2.20.100, Subsections (A) and (B), of the La Quinta Municipal Code, under which the City Manager has the authority and power to issue executive orders for any matters related to the Local Emergency.

This Executive Order is issued in furtherance of the authority and power to address the Local Emergency as provided in the California Emergency Services Act, Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 8550) of Title 2 of the Government Code, and implemented by Chapter 2.20 of the La Quinta Municipal Code. Any violation of this Executive Order may be determined to be a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both, pursuant to Section 8665 of the Government Code, Section 2.20.140 of the La Quinta Municipal Code, and any other state or city law as may be applicable.

EXECUTED BY:

Jon McMillen, City Manager
City of La Quinta, California