

**CITY OF LAUREL
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**



**CRAIG A. MOE
MAYOR**

Executive Order No. 2020-12

Subject: Measures to Slow the Spread of COVID -19

Effective Date: April 15, 2020

Pursuant to the powers granted to me by Section 2-176 and Section 2-177 of the Laurel City Code, I Craig A. Moe, Mayor of the City of Laurel have declared a State of Public Health Emergency in the City of Laurel due to an outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, which does constitute an imminent threat to the health, safety and welfare of the City and its citizens.

COVID-19, is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death. COVID-19 is a catastrophic public health emergency and there have been confirmed positive cases of the virus in the City of Laurel, Prince George's County and throughout the State of Maryland.

To help prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 virus and control the spread of this deadly disease, and after consultation with the ***City of Laurel Health Officer***, the following actions will be taken by the City of Laurel to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens, employers and employees, and visitors who live in, work in and visit the City. **The following will go into effect Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.:**

Mandatory wearing of masks or face coverings

All persons that enter any facility owned or operated by the City of Laurel, including employees, elected officials, vendors and any other visitors, shall wear a mask or face covering while in the facility., Wellness checks when entering a City facility will continue with this Executive Order.

All patrons shopping in grocery stores, pharmacies, and large chain retail establishments that remain open as essential businesses within the City of Laurel, such as Lowes, Home Depot, Walgreens and CVS, shall wear masks or face coverings that cover the mouth and nose, prior to entering and while inside such stores. The order also requires individuals who ride public transportation in the City to wear masks or face coverings prior to boarding and while onboard the transit system.

How you can meet the Mandatory wearing of a mask

You may cover your face with a mask, homemade mask, bandana or scarf to meet the mandatory requirement.

Other ways to protect yourself while shopping

It is highly recommended that you follow the guidelines below from the CDC on ways to protect yourself while shopping:


- Stay at least 6 feet away from others while shopping and in lines.
- When you do have to visit in person, go during hours when fewer people will be there (for example, early morning or late night).
- If you are at higher risk for severe illness, find out if the store has special hours for people at higher risk. If they do, try to shop during those hours. People at higher risk for severe illness include adults 65 or older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions.
- Disinfect the shopping cart, use disinfecting wipes if available.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- If possible, use touchless payment (pay without touching money, a card, or a keypad). If you must handle money, a card, or use a keypad, use hand sanitizer right after paying.
- After leaving the store, use hand sanitizer. When you get home, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Other recommendations to help slow the spread of COVID-19

The City of Laurel highly recommends that operators of grocery stores, pharmacies, large chain retail establishments and other essential businesses provide the following to all employees and members of the general public:

- Disinfecting/sanitizer stations at each entrance that shall be stocked at all times.
- A limit on the number of customers in the store at one time to promote social distancing.
- One-way directional signage to promote social distancing, and to limit interaction with others in the store.
- A cleaning/disinfecting of the store, to be performed at least once every hour.
- Disinfect shopping cart regularly.
- To the extent reasonably possible and available, personal protection equipment (PPE) for all employees.

This Executive Order shall take effect on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. and shall remain in effect until further notice. The Laurel Police Department and the Office of the Fire Marshal and Permit Services shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Executive Order within the City.



Craig A. Moe
Mayor

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