

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDER NO. 1**

**ORDER REGARDING THE USE OF FACE MASKS AND  
TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL CITY PARKS**

WHEREAS, international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2," and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019," abbreviated COVID-19, ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Health declared a local emergency and local public health emergency to aid the regional healthcare and governmental community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for the broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and announced that the federal government would make emergency funding available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the City Manager, in his role as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency pursuant to Section 2-4-107 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to ensure the availability of mutual aid and an effective City response to the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the City Council adopted a Resolution ratifying the Director of Emergency Services' proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health have all issued orders including, but not limited to, stay at home orders, social distancing, staying home if sick, canceling or postponing large group events, working from home, and other precautions to protect public health and prevent transmission of this communicable virus; and

WHEREAS, it is absolutely critical that the City does everything possible to slow the pace of community spread and avoid unnecessary strain on our medical system.

WHEREAS, in the interest of the public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to exercise my authority pursuant to Chapter 2-4-107 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code and the California Emergency Services Act, Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 8550) of Title 2 of the Government Code, to issue this order.

WHEREAS, acting under the authority vested in me as the Director of Emergency Services, I am ordering the temporary closure of all City parks, fields, sports courts, and other recreational facilities, as more specifically described below;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Order by reference.

Section 2. For the period beginning Saturday, April 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. through Monday, April 13, 2020 at 6:00 am, all City parks, fields, sports courts, and other recreational facilities shall be closed; provided however, restrooms in parks shall remain open during normal hours.

Section 3. Beginning Friday, April 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., all persons, including Essential Workers, shall wear face coverings such as scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandannas, neck gaiters, or other fabric face coverings, when they leave their homes or places of residence for essential activities such as taking a walk through their neighborhood. Provided, however, that drivers traveling alone or with members of their households do not need to wear face coverings unless they must lower their windows for any purpose such as to interact with first responders, food service workers or others who are not members of their households. All persons, including non-medical Essential Workers are discouraged from using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as N95 masks, for non-medical reasons.

Section 4. Any violation of this Order is a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of \$1000 or imprisonment, or both, pursuant to Government Code Section 8665 and Beverly Hills Municipal Code Section 2-4-111, and any other state or city law as may be applicable. In accordance with Title 1, Chapter 3 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code, the City Manager, in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services, hereby designates the City's police officers, the City's code enforcement officers and park rangers with authority to prosecute any violation of this Order through the administrative process as set forth in Title 1, Chapter 3 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code.

Executed on April 9, 2020.

  
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City Manager George Chavez  
Director of Emergency Services