State/City Facial Covering Orders

- Yesterday Governor Polis issued Executive Order 2020-138, which requires all individuals over 10 years old to wear a face covering while in a public indoor space. Businesses are legally required to enforce this order and their business license may be suspended if there is a violation.

- **What does this mean for Louisville?** Louisville is covered by City Ordinance 1793, which read in conjunction with City Ordinance 1795, extends the original ordinance to August 30.
  - **Indoors in Louisville** - Facial coverings must be worn when inside a business that is open to the public, including an office or other facility where government services may be accessed.
  - **Outdoors in Louisville** - Facial coverings must be worn outdoors where social distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained.

- Exceptions are listed in Ordinance 1793 and generally include children under 2 years old (in child care environments, under 3 years old or any age while napping); children under 12 years old in which a covering poses a choking or strangulation hazard or makes it difficult to breathe; persons who have trouble breathing; persons in a professional office who do not interact with the public; persons eating or drinking while in a restaurant; and first responders, if a covering interferes with their ability to perform their duties. For more specific details on exemptions, please review City Ordinance 1793.

- Additional business guidance and signage is available on the Business Resources website.

- **Should I follow the State’s order or Louisville’s?** The Governor’s Order allows for local communities to have their own more restrictive facial covering orders as Louisville does. As the City’s order is more restrictive, this is the order that all residents, visitors and employees must follow.

- For non-urgent violations/concerns relating to the City’s ordinance, please email CityofLouisvilleOrders@LouisvilleCO.gov.

COVID-19 Update

- On June 30, Governor Polis extended Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors until the end of July amid an increase in COVID-19 cases over the last few weeks. Local communities will eventually have the ability to enter the Protect Our Neighbors phase if they meet the thresholds defined by public health orders (i.e. ability to contain surges in cases and outbreaks through testing, case investigation, contact tracing, isolation, quarantine, site-specific closures, enforcement of public health orders). We’ve recently seen an increase in cases in Boulder County, so we may not see this next phase until we’re able to meet these standards.

- With more activities open and available to the public, it is everyone’s responsibility to do whatever they can to reduce the spread of the disease. **Always stay at home when you are sick. If you go out, remember the big three: wear a facial covering, wash your hands frequently; and maintain physical distance with others.**

- **City Hall** is currently open for appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8 am and 12 pm. No in-person staff/team meetings should take place until further notice. Please avoid visiting offices within City Hall unless you have an appointment. The Recreation Center reopened on July 1 with restrictions.

- Starting July 13, the Police Department and Court window opened by appointment only for services not available online (Mon/Wed 10 AM-2 PM). Starting the week of July 13, computer stations at the Library can be reserved for 2 hours Wed/Thurs/Friday 10 AM-6 PM. The Arts Center reopened for rental for groups of up to 10 people starting July 13. In late July, the Historical Museum will offer tours by appointment for groups of 6 people or fewer. Water, Wastewater and City Services remain closed to the public.
The following facilities remain closed: Senior Center, splash pad at Community Park and Memory Square Pool (closed for the 2020 season). You can read the City’s Phase II Reopening Plan, at https://www.louisvilleco.gov/home/showdocument?id=27599 along with the Phase I Reopening Plan.

Please note the City’s reopening plans may change based on public health guidance. The City’s phased approach to reopen facilities and services is based on our commitment to protect City staff and residents, and in adherence with the most up-to-date State of Colorado and Boulder County public health data and orders. Public safety remains our top priority.

For more information, visit the City’s website at https://www.louisvilleco.gov/covid19 and the State’s website at https://covid19.colorado.gov/. Many questions can be answered through these resources. If something is still unclear, you should call CO-Help at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911 or email cohelp@rmpdc.org. Call 2-1-1 or 1-866-760-6489 Monday-Friday from 8 am-5 pm for help and information for human and social services-related issues. You can also reach out online at https://www.211colorado.org/.

Still have questions? You can call the Boulder County Call Center at 720-776-0822. Please note that specific legal guidance cannot be provided. The Call Center is open 8 am–6 pm, Monday-Friday. For non-urgent reports of violations/questions about the City’s facial covering ordinance, you can email us at cityoflouisvilleorders@louisvilleco.gov.

Open Space Weed Pull

Open Space hosted two successful community weed pulls last week at Davidson Mesa and Harper Lake. The Davidson Mesa event brought out the largest number of volunteers ever seen for an Open Space weed pull. When asked why they thought this year’s events are receiving so much interest, participants said they wanted to be active outside, give back to the community and felt more connection to local open space after spending extra time on it during the spring travel restrictions. These events are a great example of mechanical weed control, which is one pillar of the Integrated Weed Management Plan that was recently approved by City Council.
50 Books in First Grade – Inaugural Year a Success!

- First graders who participated in the Library’s “50 Books in First Grade” had extra incentive to read this past school year. Children received prizes for reading up to 50 books and were encouraged to ask librarians for book recommendations. 96% of caregivers surveyed said that the program motivated their children to read and 93% strongly agreed that they would recommend the program to a friend. Do you have a first grader this year? Stay tuned for details about the next launch of 50 Books in First Grade.

Employee Appreciation Burrito Week

- To thank employees for their dedication and work during the COVID-19 pandemic, we hosted drive-thru burrito stations at City facilities (City Hall and Recreation Center hasn’t been scheduled yet). All staff will receive a Team Spirit Award, as well, which includes a personalized certificate and special Team Spirit pin. Thanks again for all that you do!