



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

COVID-19 AND THE USE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING/FACE COVERINGS

Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-244 on Friday, September 25, 2020. These frequently asked questions are updated to reflect the impact of the Governor's Order.

IS SEMINOLE COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING SOCIAL DISTANCING/FACIAL COVERINGS STILL IN EFFECT?

Yes.

WHAT IMPACT DOES THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-244 HAVE ON SEMINOLE COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING THE USE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING/FACE COVERINGS?

The Governor's Executive Order (20-244):

1. Suspends collection of fines and penalties against individuals. The Governor's General Counsel has confirmed that the suspension of collection of fines and penalties applies only to those fines and penalties assessed against individuals. Collection of COVID-19-related fines and penalties assessed against businesses has not been suspended;
2. Applies only to collection of fines and penalties, not the assessment of those fines and penalties. A penalty can still be imposed against an individual, but cannot be collected as long as the Governor's Executive Order (20-244), is in effect; and
3. Only suspends the ability to collect fines. The suspension of the ability to collect fines and penalties against individuals will apply only during the effective duration of the Governor's Executive Order (20-244).

UNDER SEMINOLE COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE ORDER, WHEN SHOULD I WEAR A FACIAL COVERING?

Facial coverings should be worn at places of assembly, businesses, and other places open to the public in Seminole County.

UNDER SEMINOLE COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE ORDER, WHEN SHOULD I REMAIN 6' APART FROM OTHERS?

When in a place of assembly, business or other places open to the public in Seminole County, individuals should maintain social distancing. Members of the same household do not have to keep six (6) feet of distance between one another. If individuals are within six (6) feet of distance from one another, facial coverings should be worn by all parties.

WILL INDIVIDUALS BE FINED OR PENALIZED IF THEY DO NOT WEAR A FACIAL COVERING?

Although fines and penalties are authorized under Seminole County's Executive Order, the County has not imposed any fines or penalties for the failure to social distance or wear a facial covering. The County has focused on education and achieving voluntary compliance. This position remains unchanged.

The Governor's Executive Order (20-244) suspends the collection, but not the imposition, of fines and penalties against *individuals*.



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WILL BUSINESSES BE FINED OR PENALIZED IF THEY DO NOT ENFORCE THE USE OF FACIAL COVERINGS BY EMPLOYEES AND PATRONS?

Although fines and penalties are authorized under Seminole County's Executive Order, the County has not imposed any fines or penalties for the failure to social distance or wear a facial covering. The County has focused on education and achieving voluntary compliance. This position remains unchanged.

The Governor's Executive Order (20-244) **does not** suspend the collection or imposition of fines and penalties against *businesses*.

WHAT MEASURES SHOULD BUSINESSES TAKE?

Check points, staging areas, queues for the public and other areas to which the public has access should be appropriately monitored for social distancing through floor markings or similar techniques to assist patrons and employees in maintaining six (6) feet of distance from one another.

CAN A BUSINESS REQUIRE FACIAL COVERINGS?

Yes. If a customer is non-compliant, the business may refuse service or contact law enforcement to trespass the individual.

ARE BUSINESSES REQUIRED TO POST FACIAL COVERING USE SIGNAGE?

No; the posting of facial covering use signage is not and has not been required.

CAN A BUSINESS LOSE THEIR LICENSE FOR NOT REQUIRING FACIAL COVERINGS?

Licensure is dependent upon Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and/or Florida Department of Health requirements

ARE RESTAURANT STAFF REQUIRED TO WEAR FACIAL COVERINGS?

Seminole County's Executive Order requiring the use of facial coverings is still in place, which requires all places of assembly, businesses, and other places open to the public in Seminole County require face covering. This is applicable to servers, hostesses, kitchen staff, and any employee or contractor at the business.

ARE FACIAL COVERINGS REQUIRED IN COUNTY BUILDINGS?

Yes; facial coverings are required for all patrons and employees in County facilities. If a visitor does not have a facial covering, one will be provided.

DO I HAVE TO WEAR A FACIAL COVERINGS WHEN EXERCISING OR PLAYING SPORTS?

No; facial coverings should be worn when not actively participating in exercise or sports activities and when within six (6) feet of distance of other individuals. Teams may compete and practice without facial coverings as exempted in Section 5 of Seminole County's Executive Order.



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ARE CHILDREN REQUIRED TO WEAR FACIAL COVERINGS?

Children under two (2) years of age are exempted from wearing facial coverings. Children in schools or daycares should adhere to the regulations set forth by the school or daycare.

WHO IS EXEMPTED FROM WEARING A FACIAL COVERINGS?

- Persons under the age of 2 years;
- Persons for whom a facial covering would cause impairment due to an existing health condition or disability;
- Persons working in a business or profession who are not interacting with the public and who are able to maintain social distancing from co-workers;
- Persons working in, or patrons of, a business or profession where use of a facial covering would prevent them from performing the duties or receiving the services of the business or profession;
- Persons exercising;
- Persons eating or drinking;
- Public safety, fire, and other life safety and health care personnel, as their personal protective equipment requirements will be governed by their respective agencies; and
- Persons communicating with someone who is hearing-impaired and must see the mouth of someone wearing a facial covering in order to communicate