Exhibit D - Face Covering Requirements

A significant percentage of individuals with the COVID-19 virus lack symptoms. Because an infected person can transmit the virus to others before showing any symptoms, the covering of a person’s nose and mouth when outside your home or residence is necessary to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This is consistent with the findings of the CDC and Austin-Travis County Health Authority.

Unless you already have your own personal used masks that cannot be donated, the fabric face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, which are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and first responders. Staying home is the best way to help reduce the spread of the virus, but if an individual must leave their place of residence, wearing a fabric face covering shall be used as outlined in this Order. Wearing a face covering is not a substitute for maintaining 6-feet social distancing and hand washing, as these remain important steps to slowing the spread of the virus.

The public in general and Critical Infrastructure/Essential Business employers and employees shall adhere to the following:

a. All persons over the age of ten (10) shall wear some form of covering over their nose and mouth, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana or handkerchief, when

   (1) entering into or inside of any building open to the public,

   (2) when using public transportation, taxis, or ride shares,

   (3) when pumping gas, and

   (4) outside and six feet of social distancing cannot be consistently maintained between the person and individuals outside of their household.

b. This section shall not apply to persons

   (1) riding in a personal vehicle,

   (2) that are alone in a separate single space,

   (3) that are in the presence only of other members of their household or residence,

   (4) when doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety or security risk, such as anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance, or

   (5) for consumption purposes.

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Parents and Guardians of children under 10 shall be responsible for appropriately masking children when outside their residence

c All non-residents in nursing homes, retirement and long-term care facilities shall wear a fabric face covering as provided for in these Requirements, and set forth Section 1 of the Order (Face Covering Requirements). In addition, residents in facilities with confirmed COVID-19 cases shall follow requirements of Exhibit B, except when doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety or security risk.

d All COVID-19 Positive Individuals, Suspected Positives, those currently being tested, and untested individuals with cough and/or fever, and household members of same category of individuals shall not leave their residence without a mask or cloth face covering to prevent the spread to others.

e All individuals working for a business defined as Essential Government Service, Critical Infrastructure or Essential Business in Section 6 and Exhibit C of this Order should wear a mask or cloth face covering whenever in public and whenever performing job duties in the presence of others.

f Unless you already have your own personal used masks that cannot be donated, medical grade (N95) and surgical masks should be reserved and used only by medical professionals and first responders.

Examples of how to make cloth face coverings can be found online including guidance from the CDC and guidance from Austin/Travis County Health Authority.

g The fabric face covering should-

1 Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
2 be secured with ties or ear loops
3 include multiple layers of fabric
4 allow for breathing without restriction
5 be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape
6 Even with the use of appropriate face coverings, individuals shall maintain 6 feet of social distancing whenever possible
7 Individuals should avoid touching their face and should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer

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