



Better Together

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Lawrence M. Hanson, Mayor

Tom Shaughnessy, Supervisor

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Dear Antioch Merchant/Store Manager,

The **Antioch Community** appreciates that you're remaining open during the coronavirus pandemic to provide essential goods and services to residents of the community. We also understand that your employees may have concerns about their exposure to the public, particularly from those that do not wear face masks when entering the store. Medical science shows that the virus primarily spreads through person-to-person contact, often by coughing or sneezing, and face masks are widely believed to be the best preventer of the spread of the disease.

On April 23, 2020, Governor Pritzker announced that the State of Illinois will require any individual over the age of 2 (and medically able to tolerate it) to wear a face covering in a public place where a 6-foot distance may be difficult to maintain. We remind you that you have the right to refuse service to anyone that doesn't wear a mask, and you may prohibit entry into your store of non-compliant people. We believe that the vast majority of customers will welcome this additional level of protection for their own safety as well as that of others.

Your staff should also follow the guidelines above and new requirements put forth by the State. If you or your staff are in need of masks at this time, please contact the Antioch Township office at 847-395-3378 to request the appropriate amount.

As stated above, masks should not be worn by children under 2 years of age, and can be made of cloth materials for personal use. We do not recommend use of N95 or surgical masks by the general public as those are needed for health, emergency and first responders.

Again, thank you for your continued service to our community and please do not hesitate to call Village Hall with any questions at 847-395-1000. Our response time may be somewhat delayed due to reduced staff, however, please know your concerns are a priority, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Hanson  
Mayor, Village of Antioch

Tom Shaughnessy  
Supervisor, Antioch Township