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Health Officer

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

ORDER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

**REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS AND ENHANCED
SOCIAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PLACES**

NILESH KALYANARAMAN, M.D., Health Officer for Anne Arundel County, pursuant to COMAR 10.06.01.06 and the authority delegated to County Health Officers by Governor Larry Hogan's Executive Order No. 20-04-05-02, and finding it necessary for the control and medical containment of COVID-19 in Anne Arundel County, hereby orders and directs the following:

1. Customers of any retail business deemed essential and permitted to remain open by the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-03-30-01 (as amended) are hereby ordered and directed to wear face coverings when visiting the establishment, except where doing so would inhibit that individual's health or where the individual is under two years of age.
2. Employees of any retail business deemed essential and permitted to remain open by the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-03-30-01 (as amended) are hereby ordered and directed to wear face coverings when in any area of the establishment in which interactions with coworkers or the public are likely, except where doing so would inhibit that individual's health.
3. Employers of any employee of a retail business deemed essential and permitted to remain open by the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-03-30-01 (as amended) shall provide face coverings for employees if requested.
4. For the purposes of this Order, acceptable face coverings include cloth masks or coverings. Surgical grade masks (such as N95 masks) are not required.
5. All retail establishments deemed essential and permitted to remain open by the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-03-30-01 (as amended) are hereby ordered and directed to:
 - a. limit customer capacity to 50% of normal capacity;
 - b. maintain six feet between customers in checkout lines;
 - c. make aisles one-way wherever possible;

- d. clearly mark social distancing restrictions, including six-foot separations and one-way requirements, on the floor;
 - e. provide access to sanitary restrooms and soap and or hand sanitizer for customers and workers;
 - f. discontinue all self-service food counters; and
 - g. the installation of a physical barrier or shield (e.g., clear Plexiglas or heavy plastic sheeting) between cashiers and customers is highly encouraged.
6. The Public Information Officer shall disseminate notice of this Public Safety Order to the appropriate news media and to the general public.

THIS PUBLIC SAFETY ORDER IS ISSUED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL 2020, AND SHALL BE EFFECTIVE AS OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020.



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Health Officer, Anne Arundel County