



Hoboken Office of Emergency Management

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WHEREAS, I, Sgt. William Montanez, Emergency Management Coordinator of the City of Hoboken previously declared a local disaster emergency within the City based upon the Coronavirus-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern,” which means “an extraordinary event which is determined to constitute a public health risk to other States through the international spread of disease and to potentially require a coordinated international response,” and thereafter raised its global risk assessment of COVID-19 from “high” to “very high”; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared a State of Emergency for the entire State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Hoboken declared a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding all of the measures taken by the City of the Hoboken to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the City has seen an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS, Hoboken expects many additional cases of COVID-19 will be identified in the coming days in Hoboken, and that person-to-person spread is likely to continue to occur unless additional action is taken by residents to maintain separation; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules and regulations as are necessary to meet the various threats and issues caused by the Coronavirus-19 Pandemic; and,



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WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions constitute an imminent hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and resources of the residents of the City and thus additional immediate measures must be taken to limit person-to-person spread; and

WHEREAS, if essential workers wore masks and gloves when performing their job functions that would provide them with a level and protection from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, if essential workers wore masks and gloves when performing their job functions that would provide a level of protection to the public utilizing the essential services from contracting COVID-19 from a non-systematic COVID -19 positive worker or a positive worker not yet experiencing symptoms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Sgt. William Montanez, Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Hoboken, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of

the City do hereby order that all essential workers wear a mask or other cloth type facial guard covering their mouth and nose and wear gloves while performing their job functions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all people entering an essential retail store must wear a mask or other cloth type facial guard covering their mouth and nose while they are in the retail store; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is encouraged that essential workers and the public wear non-surgical masks or cloth facial coverings (washable fabric covers like scarves, bandanas, or neck gaiters are ideal) as opposed to surgical masks because the surgical masks should be reserved for individuals in the health care field and first responders.