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## **As Retail Businesses Reopen, City Issues Order Requiring Cloth Face Coverings to Protect Employees and Patrons**

***Order, which goes into effect on May 8, applies to essential and nonessential indoor retail businesses***

*May 1, 2020* – In an effort to help protect the health, safety and economic welfare of the City as it begins to re-open its economy, Lone Tree Mayor Jackie Millet, with the unanimous support of the City Council, issued an executive order today requiring cloth face coverings in all indoor essential and non-essential retail stores in Lone Tree.

“We have been given the privilege of reopening commerce in the metro region, and it is our responsibility to do it right,” said Millet. “We must do all we can to keep the COVID-19 curve flattened, protect our residents, workers and visitors, and position Lone Tree businesses to not only reopen successfully, but remain open.”

This order, which goes into effect on Friday, May 8, is in addition to the State face-covering mandates for critical and non-critical retail businesses and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 26 to be in alignment with the State’s Safer at Home Order.

“We want Lone Tree’s businesses to remain open and our community to be healthy, and one of the best ways to protect each other is by wearing face coverings,” said Chief of Police Kirk Wilson. “While we can certainly enforce this order, our goal is to obtain voluntary compliance through an education-first strategy and by working closely with our businesses.”

To help prevent the transmission of COVID-19, cloth face coverings must cover the nose and mouth at all times and should remain in place while an individual is inside an indoor retail business establishment.

This order, however, exempts children under age 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance, as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

“As we prepare to open our doors to the public, safety remains at the forefront of all our decision-making, and it is reassuring to have the City’s support in this matter,” said Park Meadows Retail Resort General Manager Pam Kelly. “By working together, we can continue on track to successfully reopening the City and all of its retailers.”

The City will be working closely with all businesses to ensure they have the support necessary to enforce this order. However, the Lone Tree Police Department will work to seek voluntary compliance through education and warning notices first.

For more information, visit [cityoflonetree.com/masks](http://cityoflonetree.com/masks).

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