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## **EMERGENCY FACE COVERING ORDER AND BEACH CLOSURES OVER 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY WEEKEND**

### **City Mandating New Rules to Curb the Spread of COVID-19**

Monterey, CA – **NEW MASK ORDER:** The City of Monterey announced today a [new emergency order](#) adopting the California Department of Public Health’s guidance for the use of face coverings to be enforceable by administrative citation within the City of Monterey. As of today, July 1, 2020, the City will enforce the mandatory wearing of face coverings in business districts both inside and outside, with a fine of \$100 for the first violation.

“Our code enforcement officer has the authority to cite without warning anyone not wearing a face covering in our business areas,” said City Manager Hans Uslar. “People and business know by now that masks are required and we have to compel compliance to reduce the spread of the virus. Our educational approach has shown success, yet, we need to do much better.”

Residents and visitors to the business districts are also required to maintain a six foot distance from others who are not members of the same household.

### **BEACH AND PARKING LOT CLOSURES ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JULY 4 – 5:**

Due to the expected crowds over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, and prioritizing public health, the City will additionally order a hard closure of beaches in Monterey. Del Monte, San Carlos, and McAbee beaches will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>. Ocean activities will be allowed, including swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, surfing and boogie boarding, and skin and scuba diving. Beach activities of any kind will be prohibited.

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No parking will be posted on Del Monte Beach neighborhood streets, Monterey Bay Park Parking Lot, and Sand Dunes Drive near Monterey Tides Hotel. The Waterfront Lot will remain open including the area in front of and behind Dust Bowl Brewery.

“Every one of us has to celebrate with care this Fourth of July. These weekend restrictions may not be popular, but they are imperative to save lives and reduce the spread of Covid-19 in our community,” said Mayor Clyde Roberson.

Read the related news release about 4<sup>th</sup> of July events happening in Monterey: [https://monterey.org/Portals/0/Newsroom/2020/20\\_0629-July-4th-Events.pdf](https://monterey.org/Portals/0/Newsroom/2020/20_0629-July-4th-Events.pdf)  
Read the Face Covering Emergency Order and the Beach Closure Emergency Order at [www.monterey.org/coronavirus](http://www.monterey.org/coronavirus)

**NO MASK =  
\$100 FINE**

MINIMUM

**FACE COVERINGS  
REQUIRED**



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**July 4th and 5th**



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