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## **Emergency Order #7 (Face Masks and Public Gatherings)**

Friends and Neighbors,

Earlier today, Gov. Abbott issued an Executive Order requiring all Texans to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces in counties with 20 or more positive COVID-19 cases, with few exceptions. The Governor also issued a proclamation giving mayors and county judges the ability to impose restrictions on some outdoor gatherings of over 10 people, and making it mandatory that, with certain exceptions, people cannot be in groups larger than ten and must maintain six feet of social distancing from others.

"Wearing a face covering in public is proven to be one of the most effective ways we have to slow the spread of COVID-19," said Governor Abbott. "We have the ability to keep businesses open and move our economy forward so that Texans can continue to earn a paycheck, but it requires each of us to do our part to protect one another—and that means wearing a face covering in public spaces. Likewise, large gatherings are a clear contributor to the rise in COVID-19 cases. Restricting the size of group's gatherings will strengthen Texas' ability to corral this virus and keep Texans safe. We all have a responsibility to slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep our communities safe. If Texans commit to wearing face coverings in public spaces and follow the best health and safety practices, we can both slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep Texas open for business. I urge all Texans to wear a face covering in public, not just for their own health, but for the health of their families, friends, and for all our fellow Texans."

**Pursuant to the authority granted Mayor Juenemann, the following measures are effective at 12:01 P.M. on Friday, July 3, 2020 for all persons, businesses and organizations within the corporate limits of the City of Ennis.**

- **Wearing face masks or face coverings is mandatory in public and is enforceable by law and fine.**
- **Outdoor gatherings are limited to 10 persons.**

More details are provided in [Emergency Order #7](#) available at the City of Ennis COVID-19 web page. <https://ennistx.com/connect/city-of-ennis-covid-19-updates-and-information>

Respectfully

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City Manager