



# FACE COVERING REQUIRED

City ordinance No. 31-20 Title 6 requires everyone three years old and older within the Dubuque city limits to wear a face covering when in public, with some exceptions.



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**Per city ordinance No. 31-20 Title 6e, customers are legally obligated to wear a face covering while inside a business.**

**No business that is open to the public may allow a customer to enter its premises unless the customer is wearing a face covering.**

## **Who has to wear a face covering?**

Every person in the city of Dubuque three years of age or older is required to wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth when in a public place, unless they qualify for one of the exemptions.

## **Who is exempt from wearing a face covering?**

Those who are exempt from wearing a face covering under the mandate include:

- Persons two years of age and younger.
- Anyone who has difficulty breathing or is on oxygen therapy or a ventilator.
- Anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance.
- Anyone who has been told by a medical, legal, or behavioral health professional not to wear face coverings.
- Anyone actively engaged in a public safety role, including but not limited to law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency medical personnel, although a face covering should be worn if possible.
- A student participating in co-curricular activities when participating according to the Iowa High School Athletic Association rules for wearing face coverings.

## **Where are face coverings required?**

- Face coverings are required outdoors whenever one cannot stay at least six feet away from others.
- Face coverings are required inside any indoor public setting.
- Face coverings are required when using public transportation or a private car service, including taxis, ride sharing, or carpooling.

## **Where are face coverings NOT required?**

- Face coverings are not required while traveling in a personal vehicle alone or with household members.
- Face coverings are not required while a person is alone or in the presence of only household members.
- Face coverings are not required while outside, if keeping six feet away from others is possible.
- Face coverings are not required while exercising at moderate or high intensity, such as jogging or biking.
- Face coverings are not required while seated at a food establishment in the process of eating or drinking.
- Face coverings are not required while obtaining a service that would require temporary removal of the person's face covering.
- Face coverings are not required when federal or state law prohibits wearing a face covering or requires the removal of the face covering.

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**The Dubuque Police Department will enforce the ordinance and violators will be given a mask and asked to comply before fined.**

# BUSINESS BREAKDOWN

Per city ordinance No. 31-20 Title 6, customers three years old and older (with some exceptions) are legally obligated to wear a face covering while inside a business within Dubuque city limits.

## What businesses need to know:



Dubuque businesses that are open to the public must post signs at each entrance instructing customers of the legal obligation to wear a face covering while inside the business.



No business that is open to the public may provide service to a customer or allow a customer to enter its premises unless the customer is wearing a face covering. If a patron refuses to comply with any business rule or any law, Dubuque businesses can call the non-emergency dispatch number, 563.589.4415, or 9-1-1 in an emergency situation.

## Business specific FAQ's:

### What does “a business open to the public” mean?

If customers, patients, clients, or other members of the public are allowed into the building either by appointment or during regular hours of operation then the business is considered open to the public and the face covering mandate is applicable.

### Does the face covering mandate apply to private events held at locations open to the public?

Yes. Guests at private events held at indoor and outdoor locations open to the public such as weddings, graduation parties, conferences, and other business or social gatherings are required to wear a face covering. Face coverings may only be removed during the process of eating and drinking.

### When are face coverings required at restaurants and bars?

Restaurants and bars are open to the public and therefore may not provide service to a customer or allow a customer to enter its premises unless the customer is wearing a face covering. Face coverings may only be removed while in the process of eating and drinking.

### How should a business respond if a patron shares they meet one of the exemptions?

If a customer claims they meet one of the listed exemptions it should be accepted. Burden of proof is not required. If a patron refuses to wear a mask and does not give a reason, the patron should be asked to leave. If the patron is asked to leave and refuses to comply, businesses may call the Dubuque Police Department at 563.589.4415 to pursue a trespassing charge.

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