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Florida City Mayor Otis T. Wallace issues Emergency Order Urging Residents to Wear Masks in Public

Mayor Otis T. Wallace has issued an order urging residents to wear a mask or other personal protective equipment while out in public. This is an additional safety measure being implemented under the State of Emergency declared in response to the national and regional outbreak of COVID-19. Pursuant to recent guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and prevention (CDC), masks of any kind are considered another important tool for residents to continue social distancing practices like staying home if they are able and keeping a distance of six feet between themselves and others while out in public. Please note that this does not impose any additional restrictions on which businesses with the City of Florida City may remain open for essential purposes.

“Everyone is safer at home and we encourage residents to remain at home as much as possible,” said Florida City Mayor Otis T. Wallace. “However, if and when you do have to leave to purchase groceries or some other essential service, it is important to protect yourself and others and help stop the spread of the virus.”

“I realize that it is very difficult to obtain masks to meet this recommendation. However I have attached a link to the Center for Disease Control with instructions on how to make your own until such time as masks are reasonably available <https://www.msn.com/en-us/lifestyle/beauty/heres-how-to-make-a-diy-mask-with-materials-you-have-at-home/ar-BB12f5pk>. You owe it to yourself and your family to take every possible precaution to assure their safety. Your cooperation in this matter will be deeply appreciated. In the meantime I am exploring possibilities to make masks available for the community.”

Those who believe they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should call the Florida Department of Health Hotline at 1-866-779-6121.

Continue to monitor the City’s Website at www.floridacityfl.gov and the City’s Facebook page [floridacity-Mayor’s office](#) for future updates.