



MEMBER ALERT!

COVID-19 (coronavirus) Update

April 22, 2020

Judge Hidalgo Issues Order Requiring Masks for Harris County Residents

TODAY -- Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo announced a new order requiring residents over the age of 10 to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth when outside of the home. Acceptable masks include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or handkerchiefs.

This order is set to begin on April 27 and last for 30 days. Violators will be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 or up to 180 days in jail. Exceptions: when exercising, eating or drinking, when alone and in a separate space, when at home with family or roommates, or if doing so risks security, mental or physical health.

Essential businesses must provide face coverings and training to workers whose jobs require them to come in contact with colleagues or the public. The face covering order will not apply inside the fence line at industrial facilities. Harris County will rely on industry to continue to adhere to all CDC safety guidelines to mitigate exposure potential within industrial facilities.

The County does not recommend residents to use N-95 respirators or masks as they are needed by first responders and health professionals. On Thursday, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner is expected to announce an initiative to help provide masks to those in need.

TCC is working to get a copy of the Harris County Order as soon as it is publicly available to review any impacts on essential businesses other than what is being reported. We will post a copy of the order on the TCC website when it becomes available.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Hector Rivero, TCC President at Rivero@texaschemistry.org or 512-750-6484.

