BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 58-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA ENCOURAGING THE USE OF FACE COVERING EQUIPMENT WHILE IN PUBLIC WITIHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF STUART, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSESS.

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WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Stuart issued a local emergency declaration pursuant to Florida Statute, §252.38(2); and

WHEREAS, the City Commission hereby finds that the City remains in a state of emergency due to the exposure and spread of COVID-19; and the novel coronavirus is highly contagious, and COVID-19 poses a threat to the health of all City of Stuart residents; and

WHEREAS, this Public Health Order is being issued to limit the health impacts of COVID-19. This Order sets forth requirements for the public to utilize face coverings inside of public places, to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis entered executive Orders 20-112 initiating phase one of the plan published by the task force to re-open Florida. The Governor's Order directs customers, employees and employers to consult the Center for Disease Control for guidance on the use of masks in restaurants and public settings.

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has found evidence that the coronavirus is being spread by asymptomatic carriers, and has recommended the use of non-medical face coverings in public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies).

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

WHEREAS, cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control cautions against the use of surgical masks or N-95 respirators because of the limited supply. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Commission urges all residents of the City of Stuart to voluntarily wear non-medical face coverings in all public spaces outside their homes, including sidewalks, public rights of way, boardwalks and open parks, during the term of the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the Governor of Florida, except where doing so would inhibit that individual's health or where the individual is under two years of age; and,

SECTION 2. The use of face coverings is recommended in addition to the physical distancing requirements required by the Governor's Emergency Orders adopting the recommendations in phase 1 of the plan published by the task force to re-open Florida described as Responsible Individual Activity.

SECTION 3. Responsible Individual Activity includes maintaining at least six-foot distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high touch surfaces and not shaking hands.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
MICHAEL J. MEIER, MAYOR				
EULA R. CLARKE, VICE MAYOR				
BECKY BRUNER, COMMISSIONER				
KELLI GLASS LEIGHTON, COMMISSIONER				
MERRITT MATHESON, COMMISSIONER				

ADOPTED this ___ day of May, 2020.

ATTEST:

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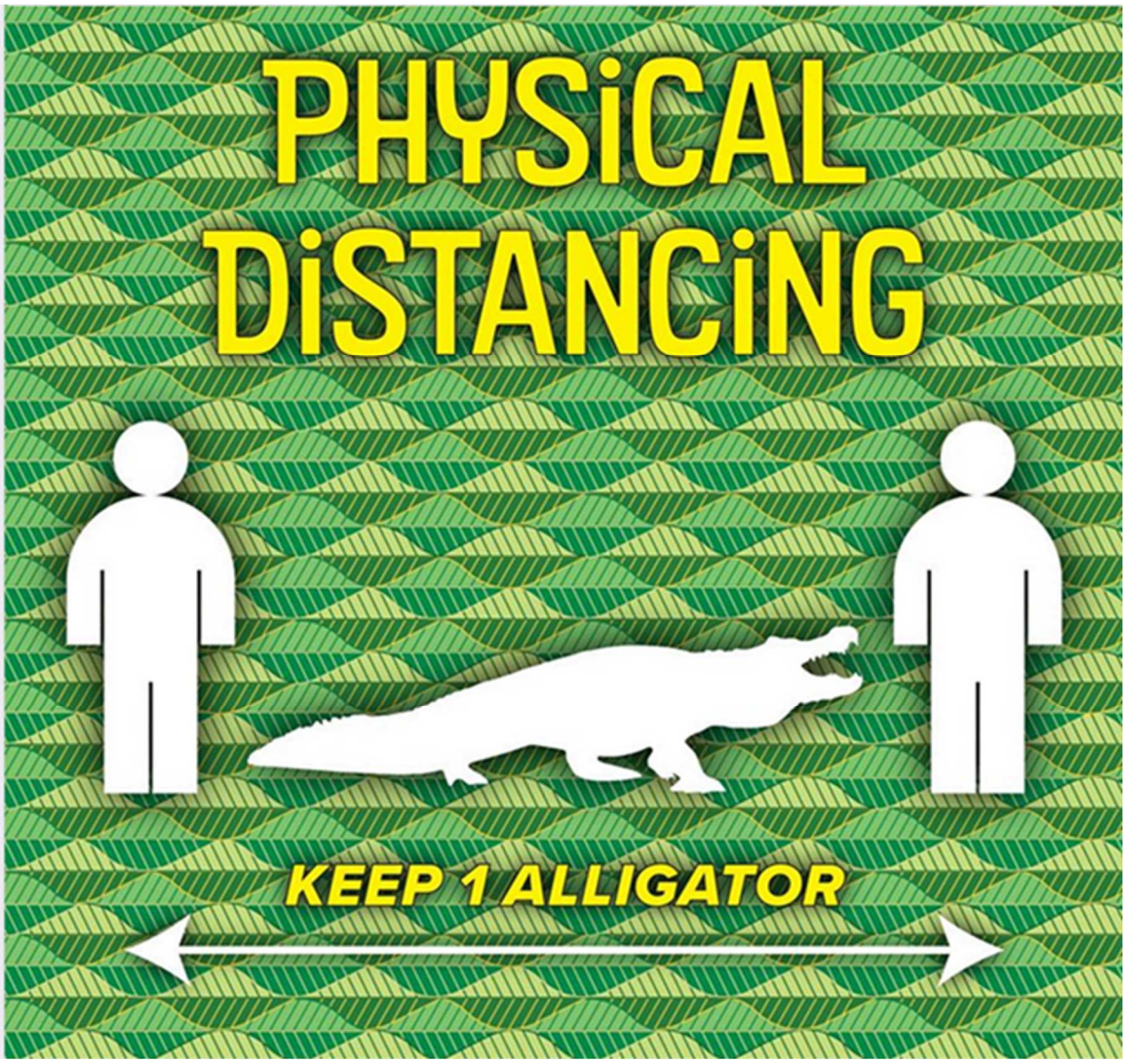
MARY R. KINDEL
CITY CLERK

MICHAEL J. MEIER
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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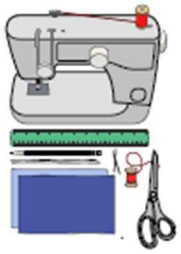
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MICHAEL J. MORTELL, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY



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Sewn Cloth Face Covering

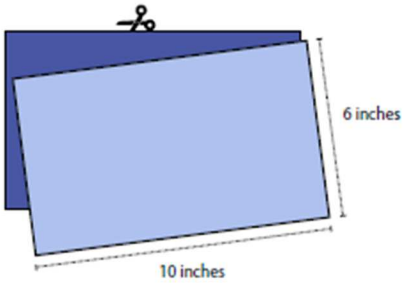


Materials

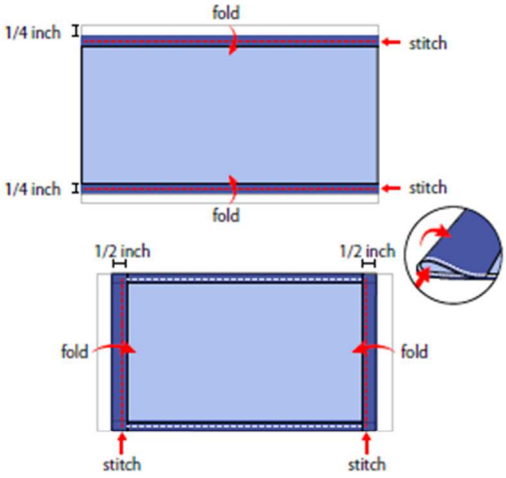
- Two 10"x6" rectangles of cotton fabric
- Two 6" pieces of elastic (or rubber bands, string, cloth strips, or hair ties)
- Needle and thread (or bobby pin)
- Scissors
- Sewing machine

Tutorial

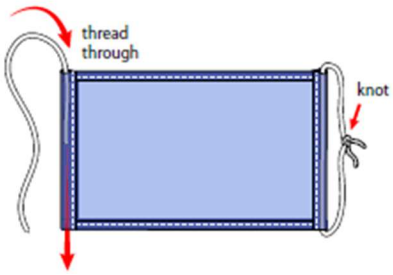
1. Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the cloth face covering as if it was a single piece of fabric.



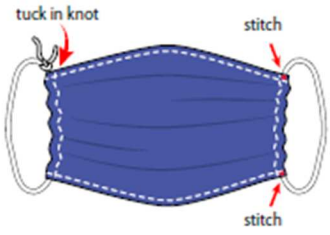
2. Fold over the long sides ¼ inch and hem. Then fold the double layer of fabric over ½ inch along the short sides and stitch down.



3. Run a 6-inch length of 1/8-inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the cloth face covering. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle or a bobby pin to thread it through. Tie the ends tight.
Don't have elastic? Use hair ties or elastic head bands. If you only have string, you can make the ties longer and tie the cloth face covering behind your head.



4. Gently pull on the elastic so that the knots are tucked inside the hem.
Gather the sides of the cloth face covering on the elastic and adjust so the mask fits your face. Then securely stitch the elastic in place to keep it from slipping.



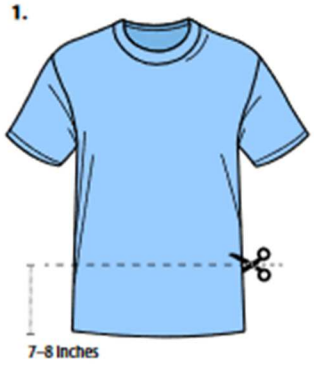
Quick Cut T-shirt Cloth Face Covering (no sew method)

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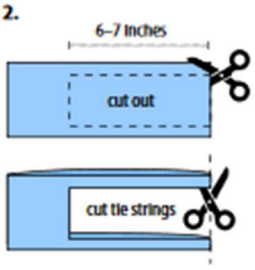
- T-shirt
- Scissors

Tutorial

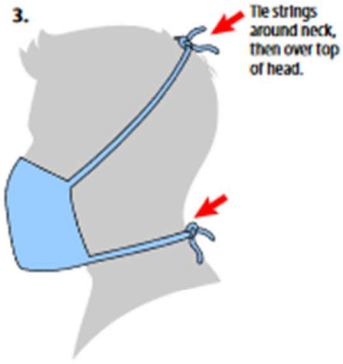
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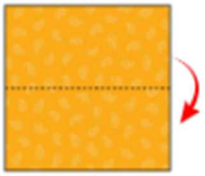
Bandana Cloth Face Covering (no sew method)

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- Bandana (or square cotton cloth approximately 20"x20")
- Rubber bands (or hair ties)
- Scissors (if you are cutting your own cloth)

Tutorial

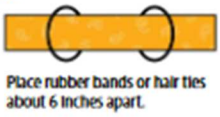
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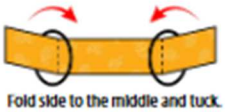
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