

Office of Mayor Stephen L Wright
City of Odessa, Missouri

Proclamation


Proclamation of Support

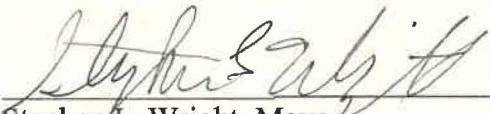
Lafayette County Health Department Mask Order

- WHEREAS,** The City of Odessa has been closely monitoring the ongoing increase in positive cases of COVID-19, with the first confirmed instance of person-to-person spread of the virus in the United States being reported on March 7, 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 is considered an infectious, contagious, communicable, and dangerous disease for purposes of §§ 192.020.1, 192.139, and 193.300, RSMo; 19 CSR 20-20.020; and other state and local laws; and
- WHEREAS,** Chapter 1, Section 1.200 of the City of Odessa Code of Ordinances empowers the Mayor to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and
- WHEREAS,** Mayor Adam Couch declared a local emergency on Monday, March 16, 2020 and that local emergency declaration still remains in effect; and
- WHEREAS,** the extremely contagious characteristics of COVID-19 and community spread present an immediate threat to health care resources, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens, and could present negative impacts to our most vulnerable populations, our local businesses, and our school district in Odessa, Missouri; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lafayette County Health Department reports on November 13, 2020, they have confirmed a total of 1,181 cases of COVID-19 in Lafayette County, Missouri, 101 of which have been hospitalized, with Lafayette County's largest per month case total of 276 new cases thus far in the month of November, creating the need for immediate action to minimize the continued rise in cases; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, November 16, 2020, the Lafayette County Health Officer and the Lafayette County Health Department Board of Trustees voted unanimously to implement a public health order effective at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020, requiring persons older than two (2) years of age to wear a face covering (mask) to slow the spread of COVID-19 with certain exceptions allowed for in the public health order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN L. WRIGHT, Mayor of the City of Odessa, join leaders of our local government by supporting the efforts of the Lafayette County Health Department and its Board of Trustees in their work to slow the spread of COVID-19 through the issuance of a face covering order. By doing so, our hope is that it will bring relief to our health care system, provide protection to those most vulnerable, ensure that our local businesses can remain open in full capacity during this crucial time for the retail driven market, and that it will offer the support needed to our local school district to aide in their ongoing efforts in providing the best and safest education possible to the children in our community; and hereby put forth this proclamation of our support and ask for our community to join us in these efforts.





Stephen L. Wright, Mayor

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