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City of Scranton Releases Mask/Face Covering Procedure

SCRANTON - Mask-wearing is critical to stopping the spread of COVID-19. On July 1, 2020, Governor Wolf issued an order requiring anyone who is outside and cannot maintain social distance to wear a mask. The Governor's order also requires employees to wear face masks while performing their duties near others and requires customers to wear face masks when entering businesses and other establishments.

"There is a lot that we don't know about COVID-19, but we do know that wearing masks helps stop the spread." said Mayor Paige Gebhardt Cognetti.

The purpose of City of Scranton mask/face covering policy is to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of, residents of, and visitors to the City of Scranton. It is not intended to be punitive. Nonetheless, given the seriousness of the current situation, and the necessity to ensure compliance with the Governor's order, the City of Scranton will implement procedures to respond to complaints of businesses or other organizations allowing employees or persons to be present on their property in violation of the Governor's order.

Detailed procedures are available on the City's website <u>www.scrantonpa.gov</u>.

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