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# Face Covering Order Put in Place in Cape Girardeau County

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Cape Girardeau, MO - It was announced on Friday that the Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center has issued a FACE COVERING ORDER for Cape Girardeau County to take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020 to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The order applies to anyone 9 years of age and older and includes businesses and public spaces.

According to this order, face coverings must be worn at any business or public space, outdoors in a public space when anyone other than members of their household or living unit will be within 6 feet and at any gathering of individuals who are not members of their household (outside personal residences) in any area involving contact within 6 feet or when social distancing is not feasible.

The order states anyone knowingly violating the order "shall be deemed guilty of a Class A misdemeanor," which carries a penalty of up to one year in the county jail and/or a fine not to exceed \$1,000. Also regarding enforcement, the order states the county health authority can enforce a number of actions including "isolation, quarantine, disinfection and closure of establishments in the interest of public health."

The order stated that its purpose is to "ensure people protect themselves and others, particularly those who are vulnerable to poorer outcomes related to COVID-19 infection. As face to face interactions increase and as scientific evidence indicates that COVID-19 is

spread by asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic individuals, it is critical that all individuals wear face covering in public spaces."

There is no set expiration of this order at this time.

**There is an exemption for wearing a face covering during a sporting activity. Does that include coaches, umpires, or other volunteers on the field/court/etc.?**

Players engaged in the sporting activity are exempt from the Face covering requirement while they are

physically active in the sport. This exemption does not apply to players on the sidelines/bench/dugout,

coaches, or referees/umpires who are not engaged in a physical activity unless they are able to maintain

at least 6 ft from others.

**What are some examples of when to wear a face covering? Please note these are just a few examples and not a comprehensive list.**

? When shopping at the grocery store or other retail establishment.

? When sitting in the stands close to others while watching a sporting event.

? When walking around your office/place of work when others are present.

? When riding in a vehicle with someone who is not a member(s) of your household (i.e. when utilizing public transportation, when driving in a work vehicle with other employees, etc.)

? When standing in line at the store or other event.

? Anytime you are in close contact with someone who you do not live with.

When should I not wear a face covering? There are several exemptions listed in this order. Those include:

a. Children under the age of 3;

b. Children between the ages of 3-9 are strongly encouraged, but not required, to wear a Face Covering, while under the direct supervision of an adult;

c. Persons with health conditions that prohibit wearing a Face Covering. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a Face Covering by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to their health or safety because of a medical condition;

d. Persons who have trouble breathing, or are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the Face Covering without assistance;

e. Persons who are hearing impaired, or someone who is communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;

f. Persons who are at a place of Business or Public Space who are consuming food or drink while adequately distanced from other patrons and staff;

g. Persons who are at a public pool while in the water;

h. Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or Face for which temporary removal of the

**Face Covering is necessary to perform the service; and**

i. Persons playing a sport;

j. Persons exercising or using exercise equipment where participants are at least 6 feet apart.

**Do I need a doctor's note to prove I have a medical condition that prevents me from wearing a face covering?**

No. You do not need a doctor's note or documentation proving you have a medical condition preventing you from wearing a face covering. However, you may be required to provide certification to your employer if that is their policy.

**Do I need to wear a face covering in the gym?**

If you are engaged in physical activity in the gym and are distanced from others, you do not need to wear one. If you are not engaged in a physical activity, then one must be worn in a gym.

**Do I need to wear a face covering at a restaurant or bar?**

Face coverings should be worn in restaurants and bars as you wait to be seated and while you walk to your table in the dining area. Once seated, you can remove your Face

covering if you are safely distanced from others. The Face covering should be put on anytime you leave the table.

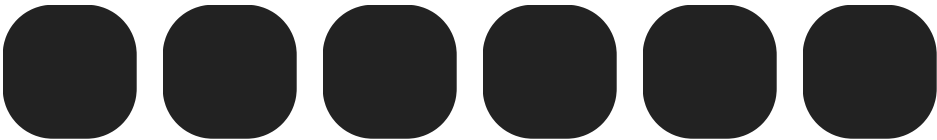
**Do I need to wear a face covering at the pool?**

Face coverings should not be worn while swimming. Face coverings should be worn when in and around the pool area when physically distancing from others is not possible to maintain. This may be when entering and exiting the pool facility or when visiting the locker room or restroom areas.

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# Meet the Candidates Forum

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Dexter, Missouri - Are you ready for the August 4th Primary Election in Stoddard County? Want to be an informed voter?

Attend the Meet the Candidates Forum on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at The Gathering on the North Outer Road in Dexter.

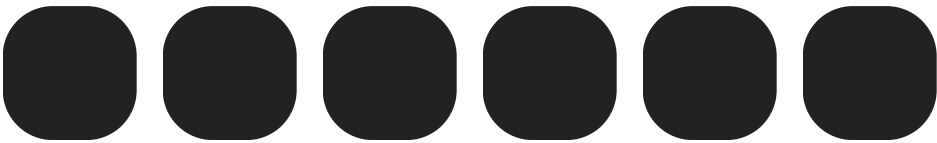
Doors open at 6 p.m. and the forum will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Candidate Forum is sponsored by Stoddard County Farm Bureau.

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# Drive Sober This 4th of July and Every Day!

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**DRIVE SOBER THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY, AND EVERY DAY:**

## **BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING**

Dexter, MO - This Independence Day, Dexter Police and the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration want to remind drivers that Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. Unfortunately, the summertime merrymaking can create dangerous road conditions, as some drivers hit the streets after drinking alcoholic beverages. Make sure you celebrate the birth of our nation safely. If you are under the influence of any substance and you choose to get behind the wheel of a vehicle, you put everyone in a vehicle on the road in danger, including yourself. During the Fourth of July holiday, make sure you plan for a safe weekend of festivities.

According to NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System, drunk driving accounted for 29% (10,511) of motor vehicle traffic crash deaths in 2018. With Fourth of July festivities wrapping up in the evening or late at night, more vehicles will be on the road at night. In 2018 alone, 193 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes over the July 4th holiday period (6 p.m. July 3 to 5:59 a.m. July 5). Forty percent (78) of those fatalities occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes. This compares to 2017 when 38% of the July 4 holiday period fatalities occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.

"We want our community to have a happy and safe Independence Day, one that they'll remember for years to come, for all the right reasons," said Chief Pulley. "We've partnered with NHTSA to help remind drivers that Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. Under no circumstance is it ever okay to drink and drive. This behavior is illegal, it's deadly, and it's selfish. Do everyone in your community a favor: If you've been drinking at a Fourth of July party, or for any occasion, find a sober ride home."

"If you are drunk or high, or even a little buzzed, we are begging you: Stay off the roads," said Chief Pulley. "Drunk driving is deadly. If you plan to be the sober driver, then don't indulge — your friends are relying on you."

Prepare for the Fourth

This Fourth of July, Dexter Police and NHTSA urge drivers to designate a sober driver before heading out for the evening. If you plan on drinking, plan how you will get around without driving.

Remember these tips for a safe night on the roads:

- Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you have had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.

- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact the Dexter Police Department.
- Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and decide to get your friend home safely.

This Fourth of July commit to driving 100-percent sober, because Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

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# 4-Family Garage Sale in Dexter on Friday and Saturday

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## 4-Family Garage Sale in Dexter on Friday and Saturday

Dexter, Missouri - There will be a 4-Family Garage Sale in Dexter on Friday, June 26th and Saturday, June 27th from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. both days. You won't want to miss out on this fantastic sale located at 1415 E. Kenton Road.

Here are just a few of the items available: Weedeater, leaf blower, chainsaw, cabinet hardware, dresser, mirror, desk, printer, baby girl clothes 3 months-24 months, infant car seat and two bases, baby items, boy clothes 5T-7/8, children's books, toys, men and women's clothes, miscellaneous household items, name brand clothes, men and women's are all sizes, rotary phones, old rocking horse, and older cabbage patch dolls.

**Driving Directions:** [CLICK HERE](#) From One Mile Road (turn east) onto Hickory Hills Road (near Burger King), turn onto W. Kenton Road and it will circle around to East Kenton Road.

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## Dexter Police Department's Youth Alcohol Enforcement Campaign results

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### Dexter Police Department's Youth Alcohol Enforcement Campaign results

Dexter, Missouri - Dexter Police reported 15 citations along with 23 warnings issued during the enforcement period, which ran from June 5th – 14th 2020.

“Substance-Impaired driving is more than a reckless choice by a few individuals,” Chief Trevor Pulley. “Each year, impaired driving cost the lives of thousands on America’s highways.

Dexter Police joined forces with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and nearly 10,000 law enforcement agencies across the country in this year’s Youth Alcohol Enforcement “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign.

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