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Hidalgo County policy on facial coverings remains in effect

EDINBURG – On May 5, 2020, Hidalgo County Commissioners Court voted to require that all county employees and all visitors to county buildings wear facial coverings.

This requirement is tied to the ongoing declared public health emergency and shall continue in place until further notice as a safety measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19, in accordance with CDC guidelines, along with other measures such as social distancing, to ensure a safe environment for our employees and patrons.

“We require that all employees and county visitors must wear a mouth and nose covering while conducting business at county facilities,” said Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez. “Our current policy on required facial coverings still remains in effect.”

Visitors who do not wear a facial covering will be asked to do so and, or reminded of services available to them online, by phone, or via mail. Upon request, county departments may provide reasonable accommodations to those seeking essential county services but who are unable to wear a mouth and nose covering due to a disability or other condition.

Should visitors wish to contact someone about the mouth and nose covering requirements, they can call (956) 318-2660 and state they are calling about the mouth and nose covering requirement.

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