

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

**In the Matter of Recommending Personal Use)
of Masks or Cloth Face-coverings) RESOLUTION #R2020-017**

WHEREAS, On March 8th, 2020 the Governor of the State of Oregon declared a state of emergency to address the threat of COVID-19 illness in the state; and

WHEREAS, On March 17th, 2020 the Benton County Commissioners declared a County State of Emergency to address the threat of COVID-19 illness in Benton County; and

WHEREAS, Benton County having progressed to Phase 2 of Oregon pandemic precautions, needs to protect the gains made and prevent increased occurrence of COVID-19 illness that could cause the State or County to reimpose tighter restrictions, adversely impact the health care system, and the imperil essential workers; and

WHEREAS, Current medical and public health science strongly supports personal precautions including handwashing, personal distancing, and masking / face-covering as effective measures for limiting transmission of respiratory illnesses including COVID-19; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Benton County Commissioners strongly recommends the public wear masks or face-covering at all times in indoor settings and also outdoors while working or recreating unless a minimum distance of 6 feet can be maintained.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Benton County Commissioners strongly recommends all businesses consider requiring masks or face-covering for customers and employees.


Adopted this 25th day of June, 2020.

Signed this 25th day of June, 2020.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Pat Malone, Chair



Xanthippe Augerot, Commissioner



Annabelle Jaramillo, Commissioner