

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDER NO. 24**

**SPECIFYING THAT ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS
COMPETITIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE COVERING**

WHEREAS, international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named “SARS-CoV-2,” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019,” abbreviated COVID-19 (“COVID-19”);

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-0039, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency;

WHEREAS, the City Manager is the Director of Emergency Services in the City of Manhattan Beach. Pursuant to Manhattan Beach Municipal Code Section 3.08.060.A.6.a, the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services is empowered during a local emergency to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued the Safer at Home Order for Control of COVID-19, which was subsequently amended and revised (the “County COVID-19 Order”);

WHEREAS, the County COVID-19 Order generally requires all persons to wear a face covering “whenever an individual leaves their home or place of residence, and when an individual is or can be in contact with or walking by or past others who are non-household members in both public and private places, whether indoors or outdoors” (the “Face Covering Requirement”);

WHEREAS, on March 25 and March 27, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance Nos. 20-0014-U and 20-0015-U which require all persons and businesses to comply with social distancing requirements and other health and safety measures required by the County COVID-19 Order and other state or county orders or guidelines related to COVID-19, including the Face Covering Requirement;

WHEREAS, in the interest of the public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to exercise my authority pursuant to Chapter 3.08 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code, Manhattan Beach City Council Resolution No. 20-0039, and the California Emergency Services Act, Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 8550) of Title 2 of the Government Code, to issue this order.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. RECITALS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Order by reference.

Section 2. CITY ORDER. Pursuant to Manhattan Beach Municipal Code Section 3.08.060.A 6.a, the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services hereby orders that, notwithstanding any other City provision in any prior Emergency Order, **wearing a face covering while actively participating (e.g. not on the sidelines) in outdoor sports competitions is not required.**

Section 3. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Please note that Los Angeles County “highly recommends” face coverings while persons are actively participating in sports competition provided it is safe and tolerated. For more information from the County regarding face coverings, please visit:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/masks/>.

In addition, the County’s “Adult and Youth Sports League Reopening Protocols,” states: “Participants should take a break from exercise and remove their face mask if any difficulty breathing is noted and should change their mask or mask if it becomes wet and sticks to the participant’s face and obstructs breathing. Participants must remain physically distanced from others at any time their face mask is temporarily removed.”

Section 4. This Order shall take effect on April 23, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Executed on April 23, 2021.

/s/ Bruce Moe

City Manager Bruce Moe
Director of Emergency Services