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Statewide face covering requirement responds to increased cases, supports local reopening efforts

Riverside County officials urge everyone to follow the state's face covering requirement to curb the recent increase in coronavirus cases, as well as support local reopening efforts.

Cases of coronavirus have increased, which is an expected outcome resulting from people visiting more places in the community. Riverside County officials continue to urge all residents, employees and business operators to take necessary safety steps to slow the spread of the disease.

"This pandemic has hit hard all of our communities. But in particular, people of color and vulnerable communities such as seniors, farm workers and those with compromised immune systems. We see a rise in positive cases and hospital bed usage in the county but more so in the Coachella Valley," said Chair V. Manuel Perez, Fourth District Supervisor. "Social distancing, washing our hands and wearing facial coverings are all simple measures that we can all abide by to protect ourselves and our fellow neighbors. I am happy that our Governor has made this decision."

Coronavirus spreads through droplets expelled while sneezing, coughing or talking. People who carry the disease and do not show symptoms can still spread the disease to others. Covering the nose and mouth with a cloth face covering, bandana or neck gaiter, keeps these droplets in.

Face coverings should be washed regularly to keep clean. Public health officials also remind residents to keep six feet of distance between others while in public and to frequently wash their hands.

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