

Colleen Lasher

To: Colleen Lasher
Subject: FW: mn.gov/covid19 contact submission: Business (Can I Be Open)

On Sep 14, 2020, at 2:13 PM, Gary Van Scoy [REDACTED] wrote:

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Good morning Vice-Chair Van Scoy.

The city's interpretation is in conflict with the language of 20-81. The language in section 10.c of EO 20-81 does not generally exempt participants in public meetings from wearing face coverings, but instead allows temporary removal specifically when speaking (or testifying or performing), provided that social distancing is maintained.

In other words, a public meeting participant may only remove their face covering when actually speaking at the meeting, and even then may only do so if they are least 6 feet away from any person not in the same household as them. Once the person is done speaking, they must put a face covering back on.

Thank you and stay safe.

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Submission from:
Vice-chair Gary Van Scoy
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Message:
I am on the Planning Commission for the City of Ramsey. There is a question regarding the governor's order requiring the wearing of masks at indoor settings for public meetings. The city is interpreting the temporary exemption from wearing a mask while speaking as rationale to exempt all participants from the wearing of masks at public meetings.

Executive Order #20-81 item 10. Circumstances where mandatory face coverings may be temporarily removed.

c.: When testifying, speaking, or performing in an indoor business or public indoor space, in situations or settings such as theaters, news conferences, legal proceedings, governmental meetings subject to the Open Meeting Law (Minnesota Statutes 2019, Chapter 13D), presentations, or lectures, provided that social distancing is always maintained. Face shields should be considered as an alternative in these situations.

The city's communication to commissioners:

"Additionally, it is hereby clarified that public meetings are exempt from the current Face Mask Executive Order"

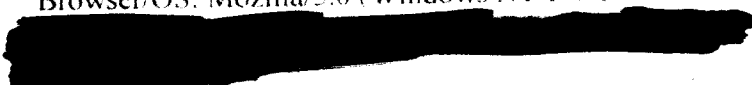
Please clarify mask usage requirements for local government meetings. For the most part, masks are worn but there are some people who won't and I am concerned regarding the health safety implications.

I was unable to find a category that fit my inquiry. Is it possible to add local government categories?
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