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Gov. Holcomb issues statewide mask mandate

Gov. Holcomb has initiated a statewide mask mandate effective Monday, July 27. The order states the following:

- Applies to anyone eight or older in indoor public spaces, commercial entities or transportation services or outside public spaces when people cannot socially distance.
- Mask use in schools required for Grade 3 and higher for faculty and staff, volunteers and anyone in schools.
 - Masks also will be required for co-curricular and extracurricular activities, with exceptions for strenuous physical activity.
- Exceptions will be made for medical purposes, strenuous physical activity, eating and drinking.
- Masks are strongly recommended for ages 2 – 7

Failure to wear a mask under the order will be a Class B misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

“I am fully supportive of Gov. Holcomb’s executive order,” said Mayor Emily Styron. “This is a public safety and public health issue and we know that wearing a mask is the most effective way to slow the spread of COVID-19. This is not only for us as individuals, but this is for our neighbors, our community, our businesses and our schools. We’re all in this together.”

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