

MOTION

Since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak, the World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended that face masks only be worn by those showing symptoms or for the healthcare providers caring for them. This recommendation may have been due to a worldwide shortage of facemasks for doctors and nurses.

Yet COVID-19 carriers can be infectious without being symptomatic.

European countries have now required face masks, including the Czech Republic and Slovakia and the WHO is reconsidering its stance, as community spread may be limited by the wearing of masks.

Mayor Garcetti has highly-recommended wearing a mask in public, and, as homemade masks continue to proliferate, that recommendation should be increased to a requirement in order to both save lives and "flatten the curve."

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request that the City Attorney be requested to draft an ordinance requiring that, during the COVID-19 quarantine emergency situation, masks be required to be worn fully across the mouth and nose of any person leaving their home. Masks may be homemade. ~~The ordinance shall be enforced by the Los Angeles Police Department with escalating penalties, including ACE penalties, a misdemeanor for a third violation and escalating fines thereafter.~~

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request a report back from health experts on the recommendations of this proposal to be considered along with the draft ordinance.

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