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PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: Facemask Mandate

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Yesterday, Gov. Tony Evers declared a Public Health Emergency and issued an Emergency Order requiring individuals to wear face coverings when indoors and not in a private residence, with some exceptions as clarified and defined in the order. The order goes into effect at 12:01 am on Saturday, August 1, 2020, and the order shall expire on September 28, 2020, or by a subsequent superseding emergency order.

The City of La Crosse, and the La Crosse Police Department feel the mask mandate provides a common-sense safety tool for our community, and we support efforts to keep the La Crosse Community safe and healthy.

We are asking for the community to voluntarily comply with the governor's order. Our efforts will include education and the seeking of voluntary compliance. In the rare event a referral for a civil forfeiture would be made, it would be made to the La Crosse County District Attorney's office.

Prior to the governor's order, the City of La Crosse had already begun the process of purchasing 25,000 cloth face masks for La Crosse citizens in need of one. Upon us receiving them we will provide additional information on where they can be picked up. The masks will be provided free of charge, and they will be CDC compliant, washable face masks.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/07/30/file_attachments/1507337/EMO01-FaceCoverings.pdf

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