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Dear Wilmette Residents and Businesses Owners:

As I am sure you are aware by now, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommends the use of a cloth face covering in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g. grocery stores) to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Together we must do what we can to protect each other and slow the spread of the virus. A few days ago, the Village of Wilmette issued a policy requiring all of our employees to wear a face covering when those Village employees are in contact with anyone from the public or within six (6) feet of another employee. We, as an employer and as public servants, believe that such a policy is prudent and necessary.

While it is understandably unsettling to see workers with a face covering on, it has unfortunately become “our new norm,” and we owe such protections to our public employees and to you who live and work in our community. As such, I am directing all Wilmette businesses that have been determined to be essential businesses to institute a similar policy as the one the Village has implemented based upon CDC guidelines. Therefore, as of the opening of business on Monday, April 20, 2020, every employee working in a business in Wilmette should have their face covered with a proper covering as recommended by the CDC. Furthermore, businesses may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear a face covering, should the business feel that the safety of customers or employees would be best served by doing so.

Directing businesses to require their employees to wear face coverings is only one step in our efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. We, as residents, business owners and visitors, are all part of the community that makes Wilmette a great place. As part of that communal relationship, we all owe each other a duty to help prevent the spread of this disease. Wearing a face covering when entering a business open to the public is a simple task that we can all do for the good of not only Wilmette, but for everyone near and far. Therefore, I am requiring all individuals when entering an essential business in Wilmette to wear a face covering for not only your health, but for the health and safety of those around you.

Please note that this requirement will only apply when individuals are either working in or patronizing a Wilmette business, or when individuals are riding in public transportation,

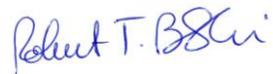
including taxis and rideshares. Face coverings will not be required when people are outside or traveling in their personal vehicles. However, please remember that social distancing and restrictions on groups of 10 or more people gathering together are still in effect and must be adhered to by everyone.

Remember, we are all in this together, and we all play an important role in getting through this. I have no doubt you will all do your part.

Thank you, in advance, for your neighborly cooperation.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assistant Village Manager/Corporation Counsel Jeffrey Stein at 847-853-7504 or SteinJ@wilmette.com.

Best regards,



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