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As Los Angeles residents adjust to the modified Safer At Work orders, the coronavirus pandemic remains a life and death issue. The latest directive, issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH), has allowed previously closed businesses to open, and other businesses already operating, to expand their services. Along with these new rules, DPH has reinforced its coronavirus health and safety best practices to protect the front-line workers who put their health at-risk daily, as well as to help stop the spread of coronavirus among the general public. A summary of DPH's best practices include the following:


- Wash your hands frequently;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Continue to practice physical distancing; and,
- Wear a face covering while in public to protect others from possible exposure to respiratory droplets that may come from our mouth when people talk, sneeze or cough.

Last week, the State of New York took steps similar to those in Los Angeles to open their economy. As part of their expansion, the Governor of New York signed an executive order authorizing businesses to deny entry to anyone who does not wear a mask or face covering. The Governor stated that if someone does not cover their face, businesses will have the right to deny service and entry onto their premises to protect their employees, as well as to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

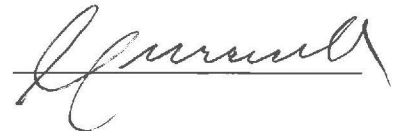
Given that coronavirus will continue to present a serious health risk as the economy re-opens, the City should assist businesses to employ sensible health practices by requiring face coverings when entering a place of business.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance to allow businesses to require persons entering their premises to wear a face covering during the City's Coronavirus emergency declaration.

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