

FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS

Little Silver is now requiring all those inside essential businesses - customers and employees - to wear simple cloth face coverings. The decision is based on the CDC's recommendation that this be done in order to prevent transmission of the disease, even by those who are asymptomatic, by respiratory droplets. The order, [found here](#) is effective at noon on Wednesday, April 8. The town is not requiring the use of medical grade masks, such as surgical masks or N-95 masks, which must be preserved for use by first responders and health care workers whenever possible. Instead, simple cloth coverings are required, as explained in the CDC post found here.

In addition, because of continued reports of periodic violations of the governor's order at these locations, our tennis courts and basketball courts are now closed. Lastly, enforcement of the single-use plastic bag ban has temporarily been suspended to discourage the use of reusable bags that may not have been washed or sanitized prior to use. The intention is not to further inconvenience and burden our residents and businesses during a very difficult time, but to require the safest possible practices in order to stop the spread at the earliest possible time.

We wish you all good health. Please continue to stay home unless absolutely necessary, socially distance, and wash your hands - and THANK YOU for your patience, understanding and cooperation. We're getting there because of you.