

News Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE August 19, 2020

## LaGrange City Council Unanimously Approves Face Coverings Mandate Ordinance

**LaGrange, Ga. August 19, 2020** – The LaGrange City Council unanimously approved an ordinance in an emergency called meeting Tuesday (8/18) evening.

The ordinance gives private businesses the option to mandate face masks in their business. An establishment that **DOES NOT** wish to enforce this ordinance **DOES NOT** have to enforce this ordinance.

An establishment that **DOES** wish to enforce this ordinance must post a clearly legible sign at all public entrances that says, "Face Coverings or masks are required for entry pursuant to City of LaGrange Emergency Ordinance dated August 18, 2020."

A person who fails to comply with the ordinance will first be given a warning and an opportunity to put on a face mask or leave the establishment. If the person still will not adhere to the ordinance, it will result in a civil fine of \$50.

The entire ordinance can be viewed at coronavirus.lagrangega.org.

Mayor Jim Thornton will be hosting a Facebook Live Community Roundtable Discussion \*TODAY\* Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Thornton will be joined by Troup County Commission Chairman

Patrick Crews, West Point Mayor Steve Tramell, Hogansville Mayor Bill Stankiewicz and Troup County Schools Superintendent Dr. Brian Shumate to discuss the latest on Covid-19 developments in our community.

You can watch live at <a href="http://lgtv.org/Home/LaGrangeTV">www.facebook.com/lagrangegagov</a> or <a href="http://lgtv.org/Home/LaGrangeTV">http://lgtv.org/Home/LaGrangeTV</a>.

To submit questions, please post on the Facebook live feed.

**WHO:** LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton, Troup County Commission Chairman Patrick Crews, West Point Mayor Steve Tramell, Hogansville Mayor Bill Stankiewicz & Troup County Schools Superintendent Dr. Brian Shumate

WHAT: Facebook Live Roundtable Discussion about COVID-19

WHEN: \*TODAY\* Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: <a href="www.facebook.com/lgtv.org/">www.facebook.com/lagrangegagov</a> & <a href="http://lgtv.org/Home/LaGrangeTV">http://lgtv.org/Home/LaGrangeTV</a>

WHY: To provide an update to the community on COVID-19

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