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Burlington City Council Passes Resolution Encouraging Residents to Vigilantly Adhere to the COVID-19 Public Safety Measures Set Out in The Governor's Executive Orders

BURLINGTON, NC— At the December 8, 2020 Burlington City Council Meeting, a Resolution was passed in an effort to continue reminding the Burlington community to stay vigilant and continue to adhere to COVID-19 Safety Measures.

With community spread of COVID-19 rising exponentially, the risk of contracting the virus in the community has doubled in the past month and is expected to double yet again in the coming month. Realizing that the effects of the pandemic in December, January, and February are projected to place incredible stress on the health care system, the Burlington City Council resolved its commitment to slowing the spread of COVID-19. In its Resolution, Council implores residents to accept personal responsibility to observe the following:

1. Maintain physical social distances of at least six (6) feet.
2. Wear face coverings in all indoor settings where other individuals may be present, regardless of one's perceived ability to maintain physical distance of at least six (6) feet.
3. Wear face coverings outdoors when it is not possible to consistently be physically distant, by at least six (6) feet, from non-household members.
4. Observe the mass gathering limit as revised in Executive Order No. 176 of ten (10) people indoors and fifty (50) people outdoors.
5. Remain vigilant in the wearing of face coverings and adhering to the mass gathering limits with any non-household members, even if the non-household members are family or close friends.
6. Wash your hands as often as possible and utilize hand sanitizer as necessary.
7. Encourage your family, friends, colleagues, and social networks to remain vigilant in their compliance with public health recommendations.
8. Remain ever mindful of the devastating and potential deadly consequences of failing to observe public health guidance including your family, friends, and neighbors.

Further, City Council called on business owners and managers to accept the responsibility to vigilantly protect their staff and customers by:

- Ensuring all employees, guests, and patrons wear face coverings at all times while on the business's premises and restrict entry to those guests and patrons who do not wear face coverings, unless an exception to the requirement applies.
- Observe all additional restrictions applicable to your place of business as issues via Executive Order, including capacity limitations, physical distancing procedures, and provision of hand sanitizer.

The City of Burlington reiterates the importance of residents not only following Executive Orders issued by the Governor, but also being personally vigilant and making smart choices to protect their health and the health of those with whom they come into contact.

For more information about the City of Burlington's response to COVID-19, visit www.BurlingtonNC.gov/COVID19.

Attachment: Resolution

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