



COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR
Thursday, June 25, 2020

As many of you know, today, Thursday, June 25, 2020, Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley announced an executive order requiring the wearing of masks in most public situations. This order will go into effect Friday, June 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 3, 2020, however the order may be extended, modified or ended early by Judge Whitley.

In the past two weeks, Tarrant County has seen a 52% increase in positive COVID-19 cases, a 67% increase in hospitalizations, and a 14% increase in deaths, bringing the total number of positive cases to 9,846.

No one wants to go back to the restrictions that were imposed in March and I agree with Judge Whitley, that currently masks are our best alternatives for those who are out in public. This is for anyone 10 years or older, not for children under 2 years old. If you are anywhere where it is difficult to keep six feet of separation, wear a mask. If you are at an out door area where 100 people or more are present, wear a mask.

The exceptions to this order is when you are eating or drinking, receiving a service where a mask would hinder the performance of the service, and if wearing a mask poses a health risk to yourself. If none of these situations applies to you, then a mask is required.

You can read additional information here: <https://www.bedfordtx.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=347> or read the entire order and its requirements here: <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/content/dam/main/global/Covid-19/TarrantCountyJudgeExecutiveOrder6-25-20.pdf>.

Bedford has time and time again come together to support one another during this pandemic - let's continue keeping ourselves and each other safe by wearing our masks!