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Press Release

(EAST HAVEN) April 20, 2020 — Mayor Joseph Carfora, the mayor of East Haven urged the 29,257 East Haven residents to adhere to Governor Ned Lamont’s Executive Order 7BB requires in addition to maintaining social distancing of 6 feet also requires the use of face coverings while in public effective 8PM Monday April 20, 2020.

In addition, individuals shall use a mask or cloth face covering when using the services of any taxi, car, livery, ride-sharing or similar service or means of mass public transit, or while within any semi-enclosed transit stop or waiting area. The order is exempt for those with medical conditions that would be worsened by wearing a mask and also children 2 younger, or for children in a child care setting. The full executive order can be read here <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7BB.pdf>.

Homemade cloth masks, or even a “tucked-in bandanna,” will help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus “Mayor Carfora said. “But in addition to mask we must continue to practice safe social distancing, wash our hands and keep practicing all of the mitigating protocols that we have talked about since the very beginning of this” said Carfora Thursday as he donned a handmade mask.

The Mayor urged people against using medical-grade masks, such as N95 or surgical masks, which are in short supply AND needed for health care workers AND first responders.

In addition, Carfora confirmed that Fire Chief – Emergency Management Director Matt Marcarelli has recommended that all town employees wear masks. “Our Chief has recommended that Town employees wear masks or face coverings while working and I forwarded that memo immediately.”



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Carfora responded to some who asked if the town can supply masks. “We are not in a position to supply masks- to do so would take away from the limited supplies that we have for our first responders. They need to have all necessary supplies and protections at their disposal. I am quite sure that you all understand this.”

Connecticut has non-essential businesses and by executive order implemented strong social distancing measures and local orders to stay at home except when performing essential tasks. Health experts have said that is the best way to slow the spread of the virus, which as of Sunday had infected 17,962 Nutmegger’s and caused 1127 deaths, according to the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Fire Chief / Emergency Management Director echoed the Mayor’s strong recommendation and offered the following link from the CDC for a pattern for homemade masks.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf>.

Questions or additional information related to this release should be directed to the Mayor’s Office at (203) 468-3204.