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Mask Ordinance Community Survey

As our community continues to respond to the ongoing pandemic, Eau Claire City-County Board of Health, Eau Claire City Council, and Eau Claire County Board have partnered to identify actions that may be needed to protect the well-being of our residents, businesses, educational institutions, healthcare, and other community partners. One evidence-based strategy for slowing the spread of COVID-19 is the use of face masks in public spaces.

A state-wide face covering requirement, newly issued by Governor Evers on January 19, 2021, may be overturned by a joint resolution of the state legislature or by action of the State Supreme Court in a pending case. Currently a national order exists specific to federal properties. The proposed ordinance will take effect only in the event that a state-wide face covering requirement no longer exists, and has been modified to reflect that change since the first reading. The proposed ordinance includes language that it will end on June 30, 2021, unless repealed earlier through City Council action.

Proposed legislation would require the use of masks by individuals, and require buildings with public access to post signage requiring the use of masks in indoor spaces. The Eau Claire City Council will be addressing a proposed mask ordinance at a special meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 4 p.m. and seeks the input of the public before Tuesday's meeting.

Community members can view the proposed legislation and additional material here:
[City Council Packet](#)

After reviewing the materials, the community can provide feedback by using the [Proposed Mask Ordinance Survey and Comment Form](#).

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