

## *City of Bettendorf Learning Campus Covering Statement*

Effective July 22, 2020, the use of face coverings will be required at city facilities located at the Bettendorf Learning Campus for all independent visitors, including adults, teens, and children age 10 yrs. and older, as recommended by the CDC\* and local health authorities. Face coverings should cover the nose and mouth, and are available to the public upon request.

Library users who have concerns with wearing face coverings may wish to utilize digital library resources via the library website and/or contactless curbside pickup, as an enhanced courtesy service. Please contact library staff for details.

### The CDC recommendation is as follows:

Face coverings act as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the cloth face covering coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice. This is called source control. This recommendation is based on what we know about the role respiratory droplets play in the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Clinical and laboratory studies show cloth face coverings reduce the spray of droplets when worn over the nose and mouth. COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), so the use of cloth face coverings is particularly important in settings where people are close to each other or where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

*\*Exceptions: "Cloth face coverings should NOT be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance." CDC @ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>*