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**FACE COVERING SIGNAGE for BUSINESSES and OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

In order to help San Juan County businesses and other organizations protect their employees and customers, the County COVID response team has produced printable posters to support their effort.

Two versions are available, one that is 8.5” x 11” ([available HERE](https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/20354/Face-Covering-8-x-11)), and the other is 11” x 17” ([available HERE](https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/20353/Face-Covering-11-x-17)).

As the world moves into the next phase of the COVID-19 response, we need to be more vigilant than ever about ensuring we prevent spread of the disease and avoid starting this crisis all over again. This is especially true in San Juan County, where many of our residents are highly mobile, and where a large segment of our economy depends on off-island visitors.

**One of the most critical tools for preventing transmission is the wearing of face coverings in public.** This is an essential adjustment we all need to make in order to protect ourselves, our employees, and our local economy. **If we don’t take this seriously, we risk going backward, not forward.**

Note that as the Governor authorizes some businesses to reopen, there may be specific guidelines issued that require the use of face coverings for employees and/or customers.

The sincere hope is that our residents and visitors will take this important approach to heart and do the right thing.

In order to encourage proper behavior, **it is strongly recommended** that all businesses and other organizations post this signage at their entrance. This is an essential step to protect staff and minimize the risk for San Juan County. **Keeping safe = keeping open.**

For more information about why covering our faces is so important, [please review this article](http://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/20239/Hot-Topic-19-Cover-Your-Face).

