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Council to Meet on Monday, June 22, 2020 to Address Public Mask Policy

DOUGLAS, ARIZ. – June 19, 2020. The Douglas City Council will hold a special meeting on Monday to determine whether Douglas residents must wear a face covering in public whenever social distancing cannot be maintained under CDC guidelines.

The issue will be discussed by the Douglas City Council at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, June 22. Douglas Mayor Donald Huish placed the item on the agenda following Arizona Governor Doug Ducey's announcement to allow mayors to set their own policies regarding COVID-19 safety measures. Previously, all mandates regarding COVID-19 safety policies were part of the Governor's executive order(s) rather than a decision made by cities and towns.

"I believe this decision to require face coverings in public is of major importance and requires the advice and wisdom of the entire City Council," said Mayor Huish. "The City Council encourages all Douglas residents to email their opinion in order to have their voice heard prior to the meeting." Mayor Huish further stated, "I hope we all can all work together on this issue to find the best outcome for the City of Douglas. In the interim, please use wise judgement by following the CDC and State of Arizona guidelines for face coverings, distancing, hand washing, public gatherings, and cleanliness. We need to be considerate of those around us."

Residents wanting to view the meeting in real time may do so on [YouTube](#). The City Council Chambers has very limited seating due to current COVID-19 guidelines.

Public comments are encouraged and will be accepted via email at alma.andrade@douglasaz.gov until 3 p.m. (PST) on June 22. It is advisable to include your name and contact information in your email as well as a clear statement of your position on the issue. A summary of the comments will be provided to the Douglas City Council.

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