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Dear River Vale Residents,

As you are likely aware, Governor Murphy now requires New Jersey workers and customers to wear cloth face coverings while on the premises of essential retail businesses. Face masks are crucial in preventing the spread of COVID-19. A significant portion of people infected with the novel coronavirus may not exhibit symptoms, and could be able to spread COVID-19 to others by breathing or talking. Furthermore, those who are infected and who are coughing or sneezing can spread COVID-19 readily. **Because of this, many experts are now advising that we should all wear masks in public, regardless of how healthy we may be feeling, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.** This will help prevent us from unknowingly spreading the disease to others, and provide at least some protection from breathing in virus from others.

It is critical to emphasize that maintaining 6-foot social distancing remains important to slowing the spread of the virus. CDC is additionally advising the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. **Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure, in which we strongly encourage you to take part.**

For additional information about, and instruction on how to make cloth face coverings, please click here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Respectfully,

Mayor Glen Jasionowski
Chief Sean Scheidle
Township of River Vale