Businesses With Employee Mask Exemptions

The Logan County Health District (LCHD) provides the following list of businesses that have created written exemptions against the statewide mask wearing requirement for either some (such as grill cooks and oven operators) or all of their employees. These exemptions have always been allowed in the directives of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). By consulting this list, it is hoped that the citizens and visitors to Logan County will be better informed to make decisions that reflect their own personal risk tolerances. If a mask complaint is received regarding any of these places, the LCHD will not be conducting any follow up:

2. Arby’s 14. La Pizzeria
3. Bernie’s Drive Thru 15. Marmon Valley Farm and Ministries
4. Bread, Butter and Beyond 16. McDonald’s North of Bellefontaine
5. Cassano’s 17. McDonald’s South of Bellefontaine
6. Country Variety Store 18. MEI
7. Cranberries 19. Mimi’s at the Lake
8. Desperado’s 20. Oasis Drive Thru
10. Froggy’s 22. Spend-a-Day Marina
11. Hurley’s Farm Market 23. Varsity Drive Thru
12. Iron City 24. Woody’s

Mask Requirements for Businesses Per ODH

• Businesses must require all employees to wear facial coverings, except for one of the following reasons:
  • Facial coverings in the work setting are prohibited by law or regulation
  • Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards
  • Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons
  • Facial coverings are in violation of the business’s documented safety policies
  • Facial coverings are not required when the employee works alone in an assigned work area
  • There is a functional (practical) reason for an employee not to wear a facial covering in the workplace
• Businesses must provide written justification, upon request, explaining why an employee is not required to wear a facial covering in the workplace.
• At minimum, facial coverings (masks) should be cloth/fabric and cover an individual’s nose, mouth, and chin.

Today being indoors at a public place has a certain level of risk that cannot be eliminated. The LCHD recognizes that each person must weigh their potential risk of contracting the COVID-19 coronavirus when choosing whether to frequent any business that is unable or unwilling to abide by all of the COVID-19 protections and preventions that are recommended. When a mask complaint is received, the LCHD follows up by communicating with each business without a mask exemption to provide education on the current requirements to gain compliance. If additional complaints are received, such as for social distancing, against an establishment with a liquor license, the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) can be contacted. Agents from the OIU may visit the establishment and issue violations. For businesses without a liquor permit, the LCHD can initiate enforcement action through the Logan County Prosecutor and for those with local health licenses through the Logan County Board of Health.