



Mount Vernon Police Department response to Statewide Face Covering Directive

The statewide face covering order from Governor Inslee and the Washington State Secretary of Health, effective Friday, June 26th, is intended to be a public health and safety measure. Violators of the Department of Health Directive 20-03 may be subject to criminal penalties; however, many exceptions can apply. If you see an individual not wearing a face covering, the Washington State Department of Health recommends wearing your own face covering and staying an appropriate and safe distance away.

The Mount Vernon Police Department's response to calls or on-viewing violations will first and foremost be to educate on the directive and its intent. Our goal is to encourage members of the public to limit the health risk through wearing face coverings, maintaining proper social distancing, moving to an outdoor area when possible or some other reasonable accommodation.

We trust you to make the most appropriate and responsible decisions for you and your family, while keeping the health and safety of others in mind.

Individuals and/or businesses interested in more information about the directive are encouraged to contact the Washington State Department of Health.

https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/Secretary_of_Health_Order_20-03_Statewide_Face_Coverings.pdf