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Supervisor Ryan Clancy's Facemask Ordinance Adopted

MILWAUKEE – The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted (16-1) a <u>resolution</u> from Supervisor Ryan Clancy today that requires face coverings to be worn on all Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) buses. The policy is effective August 1.

"Requiring masks on Milwaukee County buses will save lives. We no longer need to guess at the huge human and economic toll of the Coronavirus pandemic - it is catastrophic, but it is also preventable. We know that masks are effective at containing the spread of COVID-19. Unfortunately, policies merely recommending mask usage are not enough to contain the spread," said Clancy.

Clancy's resolution amends County Executive David Crowley's Administrative Order 20-14v1 to require all bus passengers and operators, excepting persons with medical conditions and children under three years of age, to wear some form of face covering while on MCTS buses.

Bus operators are expected to enforce the policy at the same time and manner as fare collection is made.

The ordinance also directs MCTS to provide a limited number of disposable single-use masks to the public for those without access to a mask.

Clancy's resolution also endorses additional revisions to Administrative Order 20-14v2 made by the County Executive, which now requires facemasks for persons aged three or older, with limited exceptions, in any indoor Milwaukee County facility or service area.

The County Executive's revisions make facemasks required at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, and the Milwaukee County Zoo.

The Board of Supervisors also adopted a separate <u>resolution</u> today expressing support for the facemask ordinances adopted by Shorewood and Milwaukee, calling upon the 17 other Milwaukee County municipalities to adopt similar resolutions, and encouraging the Governor of Wisconsin and Secretary-Designee of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to enact a Statewide facemask policy.