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## **OCCHD strongly recommends masks in personal care businesses**

(Oklahoma City) - The Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) is closely monitoring local data trends toward meeting the gating criteria reflected in the White House reopening guidance documents. Today, Oklahoma City Mayor Holt reminded residents of Oklahoma City that the Oklahoma City Shelter-In-Place order still stands. As such, personal care businesses located in Oklahoma City will still be closed through April 30.

The guidance released today through Governor Stitt's Reopening Oklahoma plan impacts personal care businesses in cities within the geographic boundaries of Oklahoma County that have not implemented shelter-in-place orders. **OCCHD strongly encourages those personal care businesses that decide to open April 24 to require all employees and all customers wear masks inside the business at all times. In addition, those businesses should also adhere to the guidance recommended by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Businesses located in Oklahoma County should contact their local city hall to determine whether the April 24<sup>th</sup> opening date applies to them.**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises the public to wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission. The CDC also advises 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.

OCCHD will continue to provide public health data to help guide our elected officials locally on their decision making as we approach April 30th.