On April 10th, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health announced several changes to the Safer At Home order. In addition to maintaining a healthy social distance, the public is now also required to wear a face mask or face covering to enter essential businesses. To help curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our community, the City has distributed cloth masks to all Vernon residents. Vernon is committed to your safety and well-being, and asks that you please follow the guidelines included here:

How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings
Cloth face coverings should—
• fit snugly but comfortably, secured on the face
• allow for breathing without restriction
• be regularly cleaned (machine laundered and dried)

CDC on Cloth Face Coverings
CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g. grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

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.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

The cloth face coverings provided are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders.

Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their cloth face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.
Vernon continues to work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to remain informed on the latest developments related to the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, as the situation continues to evolve. The City of Vernon is closely monitoring the situation.

COVID-19 is a highly contagious respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. Its symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and may appear in as few as 2 days or as many as 14 days after exposure.

Residents of Vernon are encouraged to stay home as much as possible while only participating in essential activities, such as critical work functions and shopping for necessities. Social distancing will help to protect all in our community.

The City has collected information that may be useful for you during this health crisis. We invite you to visit our website to learn about the following:

* What’s New
* Do’s and Don’ts
* Medical Evaluation/Testing
* Food Access/Grocery Supplies
* Housing
* Transportation

* Services/Assistance
* How Can You Help?
* Notices
* Press Releases
* Additional Resources

With the ever-evolving COVID-19 health crisis, access to information and education is critical. Please check the City’s website regularly for the latest news and updates.