



April 24, 2020

This is a message from Louis Rigby, mayor of the city of La Porte. I would like the residents of La Porte to know I share your concerns about a recent order issued by Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo that requires individuals in Harris County to wear a face covering when in public. While the health and safety of our residents remains my number one priority, I want to assure you that the La Porte Police Department is authorized to use discretion with regard to this order, and will not actively seek violations of the order. The excellent men and women of the La Porte Police Department are here to serve and protect our community, and will continue to utilize available resources responsibly to ensure public safety remains their number one priority during this time.

City officials encourage all residents to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and public health officials regarding efforts that can help us better protect our loved ones and community from COVID-19. The CDC previously issued guidance recommending the use of cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. This guidance on face coverings is intended to be a voluntary public health measure that individuals may take to help slow the spread of the virus.

The La Porte community has always been willing to help others, which has been even more evident during this challenging time. We will get through this together while doing what we can to help those in our community who are at higher risk of severe illness from the virus. To continue supporting each other, I hope you will follow the social distancing guidelines issued by the CDC.

As always, please reach out to the City of La Porte if you have any questions or concerns, or need additional resources. To stay better informed, follow the City's social media platforms or visit our website at LaPorteTX.gov/Covid19. City officials will continue to keep you updated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LR Rigby". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Louis R. Rigby
Mayor, City of La Porte