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Statement on Public Policies Requiring Face Masks

The Kansas City Medical Society strongly supports governments, businesses and community organizations to create policies to require the wearing of face masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when social distancing cannot be achieved. Experts believe that face masks are effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19 by containing the saliva of individuals who carry the virus. The carrier may or may not show COVID-19 symptoms; this is why it is important to wear a mask whether one has symptoms or not.

The Medical Society strongly encourages individuals to wear face masks in public, as well as practice social distancing, maintain frequent hand washing and take other recommended protective steps. The more everyone joins in reducing the spread of COVID-19, the sooner our society can overcome the COVID threat and return to normal.

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