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Yesterday, the Governor issued Executive Order #82, <https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx> mandating the use of face coverings under certain conditions. Following the Governor's announcement of Executive Order #82, we have received inquiries regarding the enforcement of that Order.

The Town of East Troy Police Department will not be responding to complaints of individuals suspected of violating the Governor's mandate, nor take any direct law enforcement action as it relates specifically to the Governor's face covering mandate. Consistent with our understanding of Executive Order #82, the goal is education and compliance and not meant to be punitive.

However, the Town of East Troy Police Department will continue to respond to reports or complaints from the public and business owners who have requested that an individual leave a premise for failing to comply with the face covering mandate as it relates to that specific premise. We anticipate that these circumstances will be rare. In those situations, our focus is not on the face covering order itself, but rather the fact that the individual is not wanted in a particular place, that the individual has been asked to leave and has not complied with the request of the person in control of that premise.

We understand that some individuals may have medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from utilizing masks. This enforcement response is consistent with many law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin.

The Town of East Troy Police Department supports individual actions that can be taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Those actions include but are not limited to social distancing, proper washing of hands, use of hand sanitizers and the use of proper protective personal equipment (PPE), including masks. We appreciate the efforts of the business owners and public who have taken numerous steps to keep people healthy including but not limited to the use of safety barriers, social distance arrangements, as well as disinfecting procedures.

Call 211 for your questions specifically related to this Executive Order. The Town of East Troy Police Department and Emergency Dispatch Center remains focused on emergency 911 calls.

For more information, you may contact Chief Jensen at the Town of East Troy Police Department at 262-642-3700.

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