



News Release

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The Mansfield Division of Police wants to remind the community that effective at 6:00 PM this evening, masks or facial coverings are required for everyone while they are out in public. We want to encourage the community to be mindful of the mandate and wear a mask or facial covering. While the Mansfield Division of Police can enforce the mandate, it is our hope the community will voluntarily comply with the public health order as enforcement is the last option.

We also want to remind the community, please do not call the Police Department's Non-Emergency phone line to report non-compliance of the mask mandate. Our Public Safety Communications Center is extremely busy and we cannot be inundated with these additional calls. To reduce this increase in calls, we have set up a hotline to report issues of this nature and that number is **419-755-9855**. It is important to note that this is only for leaving a message, the phone line will not be staffed. **Please continue to call 911 for emergencies and 419-522-1234 for all other non-emergency matters concerning the Division of Police.** These messages will be checked on a daily basis and handled accordingly.