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Mayor Croft statement on COVID19 precautions/face masks

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CHINO VALLEY, AZ- In response to Governor Doug Ducey's statements today encouraging local municipalities to set guidelines on wearing masks in public, Mayor Darryl Croft issued the following statement:

"Arizona has a wide variety of communities and we applaud Governor Ducey for allowing municipalities to set guidelines that best serve our individual cities and towns. What is best for Phoenix and other metro areas is not necessarily the best for smaller, rural communities.

While we will not mandate the wearing of face masks at this time, we encourage the citizens of Chino Valley to follow the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/) (CDC) guidelines. We urge all to practice social distancing, wear facemasks when in public, avoid large gatherings, and wash hands and use hand sanitizer when soap and water isn't readily available.

Please use common sense by limiting exposure, limiting interaction with the public, and if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms, have been exposed to illness, or suffer from a compromised immune system or other contributing, pre-existing conditions, please stay home.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay connected with your family, friends, and community in the safest possible way."- *Mayor Darryl Croft, Chino Valley, AZ*

More information on Governor Ducey's statement is available at the link below:

<https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/06/governor-ducey-announces-enhanced-covid-19-action-plan>

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