Purpose.

The intent of this mandate is to institute standards for the requirement to use Face Coverings when entering our Benton, Oran and Scott City Branches, with the goal to ensure people protect themselves and others, particularly those who are vulnerable to poorer outcomes related to COVID-19 infection. As face-to-face interactions increase and as scientific evidence indicates that COVID-19 is spread by asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic individuals, it is critical that all individuals wear Face Coverings while in these branches.

Provisions.

1. Face Coverings must be worn by.

2. All persons over the age of 9, including employees or patrons, wishing to enter any of our Scott County Branches.

   **Those not subject to this requirement include:**

   1. Children under the age of 3;

   2. Children between the ages of 3-9 are strongly encouraged, but not required, to wear a Face Covering, while under the direct supervision of an adult;

   3. Persons with health conditions that prohibit wearing a Face Covering. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a Face Covering by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to their health or safety because of a medical condition;

   4. Persons who have trouble breathing, or are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the Face Covering without assistance;

   5. Persons who are hearing impaired, or someone who is communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;