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Thorntons Announces Face Covering Requirement for all Stores

Effective immediately Guests are required to wear face coverings to shop

(Louisville, KY – August 4, 2020) – Thorntons Cares about the communities where our Guests and Team Members live and work and we are always committed to taking measures to keep our stores clean and safe. Over the last several months, we've implemented many preventative measures to help stop the spread of COVID-19— including requiring face coverings for all Thorntons Team Members and Vendor partners. Now we are asking all Thorntons Guests to join us and wear a face covering when shopping our stores even if there isn't a local Executive Order in place. Guests with a medical condition that prevent them from wearing a face covering are exempt from this requirement. In addition, children under the age of 5 are exempt except in jurisdictions where the age exemption is younger by Executive Order.



Thorntons stores will leverage store signage, onsite radio announcements and communication to Refreshing Rewards loyalty program members to communicate this new requirement. Disposable face coverings will be available at stores for Guests that may arrive without one.

"The health and wellbeing of our Team Members and Guests are always a top priority but especially during this time when even more people are being affected by the novel Coronavirus," said Simon Richards, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Thorntons Cares and we proudly continue to take additional precautions inside and outside our stores to help slow the spread of the virus while remaining open 24/7 to serve our Guests. The CDC and other health experts continue to recommend face coverings, so we believe it is the responsible thing to do to ask all Guests who can, irrespective of local mandates, to join our Team Members and Vendor partners in wearing a face covering."

To read more about the multiple steps we are taking to ensure Guests can shop our stores with confidence any time, day or night, please [visit our website](#).

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About Thorntons LLC

Based in Louisville, Kentucky, Thorntons operates more than 200 stores that provide high quality fresh foods, beverages and fuel in six states: Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Florida. The company's mission is to be people's favorite place to stop when they are on-the-go and people's favorite place to work. Thorntons is a vertically integrated company with its own fuel terminal, blending plants, transportation fleet and commissary. Thorntons has a passion for giving back to the communities where Guests and Team Members live and work. Thorntons volunteers make their communities better through community service, humanitarian day events and fundraising projects. Learn more about Thorntons by visiting www.mythorntons.com. Connect with Thorntons on Facebook www.facebook.com/thorntonsllc and Twitter [@ThorntonsLLC](https://twitter.com/ThorntonsLLC).