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TO: ESLC Residents
FROM: Mary Ellen VanAuker, Executive Director
RE: Face Masks
DATE: April 16, 2020

As you may be aware, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has issued an Executive Order requiring all people in New York to wear a mask or a face covering **when out in public and in situations where social distancing (6 ft.) cannot be maintained.** This Order goes into effect on Friday, April 17.

It is difficult to maintain this safe distance in our buildings at times; therefore, we request that you wear a mask or face covering in situations where you interact with your neighbors in *unavoidable* smaller spaces. Examples include, but are not limited to, hallways and elevators.

If you do not have a mask, please let the executive director know. ESLC is in the process of acquiring cloth masks from many of our dedicated volunteers who are making them and donating them to the organization. However, a face covering (such as a bandana or scarf) is also sufficient; coverings and masks should cover both the mouth and nose when worn. If you would like to contribute homemade masks, please drop them off to reception.

We are all responsible to help control the spread of COVID-19. Please remember to:

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Routinely clean and disinfect** frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- **Stay home** unless your outing is essential.
- **Social distance** from anyone not in your household, regardless of whether the person is symptomatic.
- **New!** Wear a face mask or covering if it is not possible to maintain 6 ft. from others.

Thank you for helping us continue to work diligently to limit the possible exposure of any respiratory illness to others. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.