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Masks required in all government buildings in Washington County beginning Wednesday, July 8

JONESBOROUGH – In response to an increase in COVID-19 cases, Washington County Mayor Joe Grandy is mandating that masks be worn inside all government buildings within the county.

“We’ve experienced an uptick in positive cases in our region, and some of those cases include government employees in neighboring counties,” Grandy said. “In consultation with City Manager Pete Peterson, I decided to mandate the use of masks within our public buildings.”

Governor Bill Lee signed Executive Order 54 on July 3 granting county mayors in 89 counties the authority to issue local mask requirements in the event of a significant rise in COVID-19 cases.

The buildings in our region that are impacted by Mayor Grandy’s order include:

- Historic Washington County Courthouse
- George Jaynes Justice Center
- Washington County Archives
- Washington County Clerk and Trustees Office in Johnson City
- Johnson City Municipal and Safety Building and other city-owned buildings as required

For those who do not have masks, a limited supply of masks will be available at the George Jaynes Justice Center and Historic Washington County Courthouse.

“While this order only covers government buildings, we do encourage our citizens to wear a mask in spaces where they cannot adequately follow the CDC’s guidelines for physical distancing,” Grandy said. “I will continue to keep in touch with local healthcare professionals and officials regarding this important issue.”