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PRESS RELEASE

Today is Friday, July 10th and this is an 11:30 am update. At this time, Roane County has not mandated masks as allowed under the Executive Order 54 for various reasons. Some of these reasons deals with the impact on education. Some deal with how it impacts the cities where most of the enforcement takes place, and some deal with cities like Oak Ridge and Oliver Springs that are in other counties. We are however, encouraging the general public to wear a mask and all businesses to require their customers to wear a mask.

As of Monday, July 13th any customers entering any County building will be required to wear a face covering/mask with some limited exceptions. Broadly, these exceptions are:

- Children 12 and under
- Underlying health condition which causes trouble breathing or other health reasons.

Employees shall wear a face covering/mask while in the general public area and while serving the general public.

The Tennessee Supreme Court issued an order Thursday calling for all people entering courthouses to wear face coverings.

Face coverings will be required at all Tennessee courthouses', courts, and court clerk's offices starting Monday, July 13th.

The mandate expands a previous declaration of a state of emergency in the state's court system as a response to the threat of COVID-19.

"Under the terms of this order, the courts of Tennessee remain open, consistent with the Judicial Branch's obligation to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19."

Nearly anyone entering a courthouse or other building where court facilities are located will be required to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth at all times while inside the building.

For more info regarding this Order, please visit tncourts.gov

Roane County's current numbers as of July 9th are 75 positives, 43 have recovered, and 32 active cases. 6,172 people have been tested.

Based on current data, we should shortly exceed 100 positives and it could go substantially higher than that.

We are fortunate to have no deaths in the county at this time.

I will see you in public with a mask. I hope to see you with one too.

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