

## SOUND OFF - AUGUST 2020

### Mandatory Statewide Mask Order



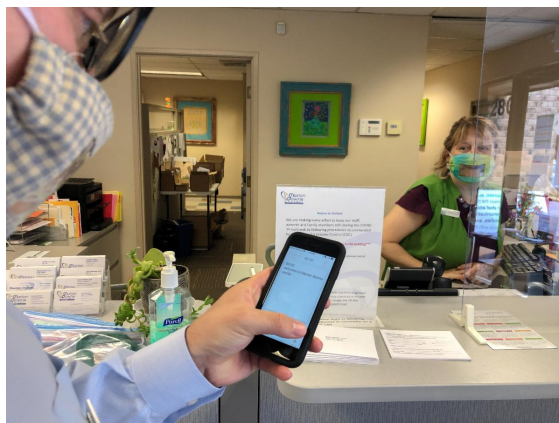
[Executive Order D 2020 138](#) is a mandatory statewide mask order in effect for 30 days from July 16, 2020 and will be extended by Governor Polis.

This executive order requires people in Colorado who are 11 years and older to cover their nose and mouth when entering or moving within any public indoor space or while using or waiting to use public or non-personal transportation services. [Learn more about Executive Order D 2020 138 here.](#)

Executive Order D 2020 138 also includes an amendment that includes an exemption for people with hearing loss engaged in communication.

READ MORE ABOUT OUR POSITION ON FACE MASKS

### Apps for Facilitating Communication



Given the increase in the number of businesses using curbside pick-ups and contactless services, communication may be more of a challenge than usual.

We found some apps to facilitate communication whether in-person or on the phone and included the overall rating and number of ratings for each app for your reference. Note that we have separated these apps into

"live captioning" and "phone/video calling" apps.

[READ MORE ABOUT APPS FOR COMMUNICATION](#)

## Providing Speech and Language Services



Did you know that the Marion Down Center offers speech/language evaluations and therapy services for children and adults?

To keep our patients safe, we have installed clear Plexiglass shields in our therapy rooms and we sanitize these rooms between sessions. Our speech language pathologists also wear face shields during sessions.

[READ MORE ABOUT OUR SLP SERVICES](#)

## MARION'S CORNER

### Screening and Diagnostic Testing Available!



The Marion Downs Center can provide screening and diagnostic testing for children who may have missed their appointments or may need up-to-date information for school-based services.

We maintain a safe environment by wearing face masks, cleaning tools and rooms between appointments, and limiting the number of patients in the building.

Contact us to schedule an appointment or to learn more about our screening and diagnostic testing.

[CONTACT US](#)

## Staying Safe with KidScreen

As childcare sites and schools deal with a challenging situation due to COVID-19, the Marion Downs Center is concerned about late identification of hearing, vision, or speech concerns.

The KidScreen program is anxious to conduct hearing, vision, and speech screenings for the community. These screenings help identify potential obstacles to a child's communication, development, learning, and success.

MDC follows all CDC guidelines and protocols for the safety of the children and our staff. Children will undergo their childcare site or school's COVID-19 screening prior to being seen by MDC staff.

[READ MORE ABOUT OUR RESPONSE PLAN](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### American Sign Language for Beginners - Fall 2020

Get started on your journey in American Sign Language with our 8-week beginners workshop beginning on September 14 and ending November 9.

All classes will be held online Monday evenings 5:30 to 7 pm via Zoom (free for users to download). To ensure a smooth online experience, we are limiting enrollment to 12 people.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ASL WORKSHOP!](#)

### Introduction to Cued American English with Cue College - Fall 2020

Learn to cue with Cue College in a 5 week course that teaches the basics of Cued Speech for American English.

Classes will be held from 5 to 6 pm MST on Tuesday and Thursdays from September 15 to October 15, 2020.

Students will learn all the hand shapes and hand placements of Cued American English with a certified instructor.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT CUE COLLEGE'S ONLINE COURSE](#)

## Support Marion Downs Center

### DONATE YOUR USED HEARING DEVICES

Donate your used hearing aids, cochlear implants or assistive listening devices to someone in need through the Marion Downs Center's financial

assistance program.



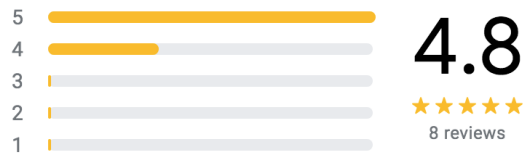
## Submit A Review Online!

We continue to expand our visibility in the community in different ways. One way you can help is by submitting a review of our business on Google, Yelp, or Facebook.

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Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) (instead of [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)), select the Marion Downs Center as your charitable organization, and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

Please consider giving your Amazon purchases the power to be a win for both you and the Marion Downs Center. Thank you for your contribution!

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