



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 13 CLS 2021

 PROMULGATION OF REVISED MITIGATION MEASURES
 STATE OF EMERGENCY - CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721 *et seq.*, confers upon the President of the Parish of Jefferson powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that the preparations of this parish will be adequate to respond to such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the Parish of Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 29:727(D) empowers the President of the Parish of Jefferson to declare a local disaster or emergency, which shall continue until the President finds that the threat of danger has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Proclamation No. 01 CLS 2020 was issued, which declared a state of emergency to exist within and throughout the Parish of Jefferson as a result of the novel coronavirus named SARS-CoV-2 and the respiratory disease known as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) revised its guidance with respect to mask wearing by fully vaccinated individuals; and

WHEREAS, under the revised CDC guidance, to reduce the risk of being infected with the Delta variant and possibly spreading it to others, fully vaccinated individuals should wear a mask indoors in public if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has identified the State of Louisiana as an area of high transmission; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2021, Proclamation No. 12 CLS 2021 was issued, which terminated Proclamation No. 11 CLS 2021, re-instituted the requirement that masks or face coverings be worn in unincorporated Jefferson Parish within the common areas of Jefferson Parish government buildings, and continued the suspension of certain Jefferson Parish procurement ordinances with respect to goods and services necessary to respond to the COVID-19 State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 137 JBE 2021, which reinstated the statewide mask mandate effective August 4, 2021 in response to the State of Louisiana's rapid increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, in light of changing circumstances, it is necessary to revise the existing Jefferson Parish face mask/face covering requirement; and

WHEREAS, these measures are necessary to protect the health and safety of the people of Jefferson Parish.



NOW THEREFORE, I, CYNTHIA LEE SHENG, President of the Parish of Jefferson, by virtue of the authority vested by the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Proclamation Number 12 CLS 2021, effective July 29, 2021, is hereby terminated.

SECTION 2: Face Coverings:

A) All individuals in unincorporated Jefferson Parish shall be required to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when indoors in any place outside of a private residence except in the circumstances provided for in Subsection (C) below.

B) In accordance with the order issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on January 29, 2021, all individuals shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth while passengers and operators of public conveyances, including airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, buses, taxis, ride-shares, and the corresponding transportation hubs. The CDC order is found at https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Mask-Order-CDC_GMTE_01-29-21-p.pdf.

C) The requirements of Subsection (A) do not apply to the following:

- 1) Any individual who will not come in contact with any other individual (outside of their immediate household members) or who will be able to maintain strict social distancing of six feet apart from any other individual (outside of their immediate household members);
- 2) Any child under the age of five not enrolled in a kindergarten program, however all children between the ages of two and five years old are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering in accordance with Subsection (A) of this Section;
- 3) Any individual with a medical condition that prevents the wearing of a face covering;
- 4) Any individual who is consuming food or drinks;
- 5) Any individual seeking to communicate with someone who has or is suspected of having a communication disorder;
- 6) Any individual giving a speech for broadcast or to an audience;
- 7) Any individual temporarily removing his or her face covering for identification purposes; or
- 8) Any athlete participating in organized athletic activities.

SECTION 3: Operators of private businesses and organizations may institute more restrictive measures for their premises than those imposed by Section 2 of this Proclamation.

SECTION 4: Enforcement of these requirements will be handled by any authorized law enforcement agency, and the Jefferson Parish Department of Property Maintenance Zoning/Quality of Life is also hereby empowered to enforce the provisions of this order.

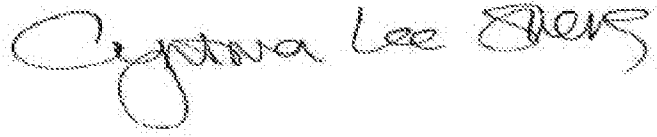
SECTION 5: The provisions of Division 2 and Division 3.1 of Article VII of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana are hereby suspended with respect to the procurement of any goods or services necessary to respond to this emergency. The suspension provided for in this section is retroactive to the commencement of the emergency on March 12, 2020.

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SECTION 6: This order shall be effective on August 4, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this 3rd day of August, 2021.



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