



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 5 CLS 2022

 TERMINATION OF PROCLAMATION NUMBER 22 CLS 2021
 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,** on July 29, 2021, Proclamation No. 12 CLS 2021 was issued, which terminated Proclamation No. 11 CLS 2021, re-instituted and broadened 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,** on August 3, 2021, Proclamation No. 13 CLS 2021 was issued, which terminated Proclamation No. 12 CLS 2021, instituted the requirement that individuals in unincorporated Jefferson Parish wear a mask or face covering over the nose and mouth when indoors in any place outside of a private residence, and provided for exceptions to the requirement; and
- WHEREAS,** on October 26, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 203 JBE 2021, which lifted the statewide face covering requirement for most public settings effective October 27, 2021 in response to a reduction in the number of cases, test percent positivity, and hospitalizations in the State of Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** on October 26, 2021, Proclamation No. 21 CLS 2021 was issued, which terminated Proclamation No. 13 CLS 2021 and provided for revised mitigation measures; and



WHEREAS, on December 21, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 234 JBE 2021, which extended the State of Louisiana’s Public Health emergency and modified the mitigation measures to permit state agencies and department heads to implement a face covering policy which may include a face covering requirement for employees and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2021, Proclamation No. 22 CLS 2021 was issued, which instituted the requirement that in unincorporated Jefferson Parish face masks or face coverings must be worn upon entering and while present in common areas of Jefferson Parish Government Buildings and upon entering and while present in public transportation or paratransit vehicles effective December 27, 2021, provided for exceptions to the requirements, and provided for enforcement of the requirements; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2022, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 17 JBE 2022 relative to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Mitigation Measures, which removed previously promulgated measures relative to the wearing of face masks and face coverings; and

WHEREAS, in response to changing circumstances, the President of the Parish of Jefferson is removing the previously promulgated measures relative to the wearing of face mask/face coverings.

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: That Proclamation Number 22 CLS 2021, signed on December 22, 2021, is hereby terminated.

SECTION 2: This order shall be effective on February 17, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this **16th** day of **February, 2021.**



PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

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