



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 8 CLS 2021

PROMULGATION OF REVISED COVID-19 MITIGATION MEASURES

- 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 caused by it known as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and
- WHEREAS,** on March 18, 2020, Proclamation No. 02 CLS 2020 was issued, which suspended the provisions of the Code of Ordinances relative to the requirement that a permit be obtained prior to erecting temporary signage on public rights-of-way, and temporarily transferred the functions of the Personnel Director and Personnel Board to the Office of the Parish President for the purpose of promulgating an emergency rule regarding civil leave without loss of pay; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 23, 2020, Proclamation No. 03 CLS 2020 was issued, which closed a number of Parish buildings and offices to the public; and
- WHEREAS,** on April 9, 2020, Proclamation No. 04 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended the emergency rule promulgated in Section 1 of Proclamation No. 02 CLS 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on April 17, 2020, extended the other additional measures promulgated by Proclamation Nos. 02 CLS 2020 and 03 CLS 2020 until April 30, 2020, and suspended certain procurement provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana pertaining to the procurement of any goods or services necessary to respond to the emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** on May 1, 2020, Proclamation No. 05 CLS 2020 was issued, which stated that Jefferson Parish Government will follow the pay rules promulgated by the federal government in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) which established the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA), and extended a number of additional measures previously promulgated by Proclamation Nos. 02 CLS 2020, 03 CLS 2020, and 04 CLS 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** on May 15, 2020, Proclamation No. 06 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended a number of additional measures previously promulgated by Proclamation Nos. 02 CLS 2020, 03 CLS 2020, and 04 CLS 2020, and stated that Jefferson Parish Government will follow the pay rules promulgated by the federal government in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) which established the

Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA), but that emergency responders may be excluded from receiving paid sick leave under “The Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act” or expanded family and medical leave under “The Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act”; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2020, Proclamation No. 07 CLS 2020 was issued, which and extended a number of previously promulgated measures and instituted additional protocols concerning the reopening of certain Jefferson Parish facilities in conjunction with the transition into Phase 2 of Resilient Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020, Proclamation No. 09 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, Proclamation No. 10 CLS 2020 was issued, which requires the wearing of face masks or face coverings in the situations specified therein, and provides for exemptions, penalties and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2020, Proclamation No. 11 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2020, Proclamation No. 12 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2020, Proclamation No. 14 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2020, Proclamation No. 15 CLS 2020 was issued, which promulgated additional measures with respect to the advancement into Phase 3 of Resilient Louisiana and extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2020, Proclamation No. 18 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2020, Proclamation No. 20 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2020, Proclamation No. 21 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended a number of previously promulgated measures and modified certain measures to conform with the state’s transition into modified Phase 2 of Resilient Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2020, Proclamation No. 22 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021, Proclamation No. 1 CLS 2021 was issued, which extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2021, Proclamation No. 2 CLS 2021 was issued, which extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2021, Proclamation No. 04 CLS 2021 was issued, which revised and extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2021, Proclamation No. 05 CLS 2021 was issued, which revised and extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 79 JBE 2021, which modified COVID-19 mitigation measures, including the statewide mask mandate, which became effective on April 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, considering this state action, Proclamation No. 10 CLS 2020, which instituted a mask mandate in Jefferson Parish prior to the implementation of the statewide mask mandate, was terminated in Proclamation No. 7 CLS 2021; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 85 JBE 2021, which modifies Proclamation No. 79 JBE 2021 regarding face coverings; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2021 the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) updated guidance regarding face coverings after careful study of the data regarding the efficacy of the FDA approved Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech and Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccines; and

WHEREAS, the CDC guidance provides that fully vaccinated people “no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance,” except in limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the CDC guidance recommends face covering requirements remain in place for mass or public transit, health care facilities, and correctional institutions; and

WHEREAS, in light of the CDC guidance, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 85 JBE 2021, stating that face coverings will no longer be required for fully vaccinated individuals except in limited circumstances, such as, health care facilities, correctional institutions, educational institutions, and public transit; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish is modifying its face covering requirements; however, should there be an increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, the percent positivity of testing, or should the number of COVID-19 related hospitalizations threaten the ability of the health care system to properly respond, it may become necessary to reinstate face covering requirements; 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: Except as provided in Governor John Bel Edwards’ Proclamation No. 85 JBE 2021, and set forth below, Jefferson Parish’s face covering mandate is no longer in effect. However, all individuals, especially those most vulnerable, are still strongly encouraged to wear face coverings while interacting with members of the public.

SECTION 2: All buildings and offices of Jefferson Parish shall continue to allow and encourage all unvaccinated employees and visitors, especially the most vulnerable, to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth. However, face coverings will not be required for entrance.

SECTION 3: In unincorporated Jefferson Parish face coverings are to be worn upon entering and while present on any public transportation or paratransit vehicles.

SECTION 4: The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face mask/covering under the provisions of this order:

- Persons younger than age two. These very young children must not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.

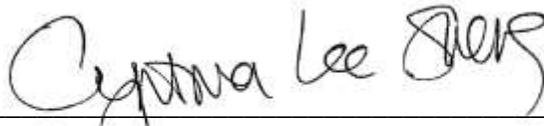
- Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
- Persons who are exercising their right to vote in a federal, state, or local election.

SECTION 5: 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 6: That 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.

SECTION 7: This order shall be effective from May 15th, 2021 to May 26th, 2021, or as extended by any subsequent proclamation, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this 15th day of May 2021.



PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON