



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 12 CLS 2021

*PROMULGATION OF ADDITIONAL 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 caused by it known as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and
- WHEREAS,** on July 1, 2020, Proclamation No. 10 CLS 2020 was issued, which required the wearing of face masks or face coverings in the situations specified therein, and provided for exemptions, penalties and enforcement; and
- WHEREAS,** on April 27, 2021, Proclamation No. 7 CLS 2021 was issued, which terminated Proclamation No. 10 CLS 2020 and modified the instances in which face masks or face coverings were required to be worn in unincorporated Jefferson Parish; and
- WHEREAS,** on May 15, 2021, Proclamation No. 8 CLS 2021 was issued, which rescinded the Jefferson Parish mask mandate, but specified that masks continue to be required on public transportation and paratransit vehicles; and
- WHEREAS,** on June 23, 2021, Proclamation No. 11 CLS 2021 was issued, which provided that all buildings and offices of Jefferson Parish shall encourage all employees and visitors to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth, unless the person has been fully vaccinated with a COVID-10 vaccine; 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, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to reinstitute the requirement that masks or face coverings be worn in unincorporated Jefferson Parish within the common areas of Jefferson Parish government buildings; and

WHEREAS, masks or face coverings will continue to be required upon entering and while present on public transportation or paratransit vehicles; 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: That Proclamation Number 11 CLS 2021, issued on June 23, 2021 is hereby terminated.

SECTION 2: In addition to any settings or situations where face masks or face coverings are required by order of Governor John Bel Edwards, in unincorporated Jefferson Parish, face masks or face coverings shall be worn in the following situations:

- Upon entering and while present in common areas of Jefferson Parish government buildings, which include: Joseph S. Yenni Building; General Government Building; Charles Odom Building; Jefferson Parish Credit Union; Jefferson Parish Library facilities; Jefferson Parish Recreation Department facilities; Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court; First Parish Court for the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana; Second Parish Court for the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana; and Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana.
- Upon entering and while present on any public transportation or paratransit vehicles.

SECTION 3: The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face mask/covering under the provisions of this order:

- Persons under two years of age. 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 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: 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 6: This order shall be effective on July 29, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this 28th day of July, 2021.



PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

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