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County Executive

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 2 - 2022

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND INDOOR MASK MANDATE IN PUBLIC PLACES TO TERMINATE FEBRUARY 28, 2022

WHEREAS, Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides for the declaration of a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-328(b) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland states that a county may provide for the prevention of contagious diseases in the county; and

WHEREAS, Subtitle 6 of the Prince George's County Code provides for the declaration of a Local State of Emergency by the County Executive and provides authority to issue rules and regulations as deemed necessary to control the situation; and

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the highly infectious and contagious 2019 Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), its variants, and the respiratory disease that it causes – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) – has been experienced by both Prince George's County ("the County") and across the world; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County, Maryland ("the County") most recently issued an emergency declaration with the passage of CR-001-2022, that was adopted by the County Council on January 18, 2022;

WHEREAS, CR-001-2022 states that the declaration of emergency can be amended by the County Executive;

WHEREAS, as of February 23, 2022, the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the County is 102,418, with approximately 10,046 hospitalizations and approximately 1,700 deaths; and

WHEREAS, based upon data available as of February 25, 2022, the County's positivity rate is 2.29%, which is the low risk level of disease transmission and the first time the positivity rate has been below 3% this year;

WHEREAS, per data available as of February 25, 2022, the average daily case rate is 44.98 per 100,000 residents, which is the moderate-risk category for disease transmission; and

WHEREAS, based upon data available as of February 25, 2022, the current hospital capacity is approximately at 46%, with 50% of beds are in use for issues other than COVID and 4% are in use for patients with COVID-19. The number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients is 49% lower compared to the week of February 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, based upon data available from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as of February 25, 2022, 72% of the County's total population have been fully vaccinated and over 85% have received at least one vaccination. In addition, 40% of County residents who are fully vaccinated received a booster or additional vaccination; and

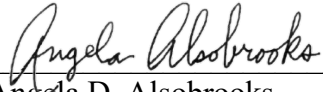
WHEREAS, based on data from the CDC available as of February 25, 2022, the County is the only jurisdiction in the State of Maryland reported as "moderate" community transmission level; 18 are reported as "substantial" and the remainder are reported as "high" community transmission;

WHEREAS, CR-001-2022 authorizes the County Executive to amend the County's emergency declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022, BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND THAT:

- I. Except as otherwise stated in this Order, the requirement for all persons over the age of two years old to wear face coverings indoors in all public places is rescinded effective February 28, 2022, at 12:01 a.m.
- II. Face coverings are still required to be worn by all persons on public transportation.
- III. All persons, including County employees, entering the District and Circuit Court for the County will follow the rules established by the judiciary and/or administrative judge.
- IV. All other County employees will follow the directive of the Chief Administrative Officer regarding face coverings in County buildings.
- V. Local schools, both public and nonpublic, and childcare programs should continue following the guidance established by their governing authority.
- VI. This Executive Order should not be interpreted as preventing private establishments from setting their own rules regarding face coverings.
- VII. Unvaccinated individuals, if eligible, continue to be STRONGLY encouraged to get vaccinated or boosted, as applicable. It also recommended that these individuals continue to wear face coverings while in public.
- VIII. A mandate reinstating a requirement for face coverings, or further restrictions, may be imposed if the relevant metrics show measurable increase in the spread of the COVID-19 virus and that more restrictive measures are needed to save lives and to protect the public safety and welfare.

- IX. This Order supersedes any contradictory regulation in CR-001-2022.
- X. If any provision of this Order, or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance, is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of the Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Order are severable.



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