



Executive Order No. EO2022-0006

ORDER ESTABLISHING A PROTOCOL FOR FACE COVERINGS IN COUNTY BUILDINGS AND RESCINDING EO2022-0005

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County is committed to the health and wellbeing of the public, its employees and their families, as well; and

WHEREAS, the Center's for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has continued to monitor COVID-19 Community Levels based on hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in the community; and

WHEREAS, as of this date under new CDC COVID-19 community level metrics Cuyahoga County falls within the CDC's "medium" classification that no longer recommends masking in indoor spaces; and

WHEREAS, in a continued effort to protect the community and County employees and to maintain consistency with CDC recommendations and guidance, it is appropriate to update requirements for County buildings and rescind prior Executive Orders accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Armond Budish, County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, by virtue of the powers vested in me under Article 18, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, by the Charter of Cuyahoga County, and the laws of Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio, do hereby order and declare as follows:

1. Executive Order EO2022-0005, dated May 31, 2022, which required all visitors and County employees under the jurisdiction of the County Executive entering buildings under the jurisdiction of the County Executive to wear a face covering, is hereby rescinded.

2. Repeal of EO2022-0005 notwithstanding:

a. County employees under the jurisdiction of the County executive employed as nurses, in a role that involves working with immune-compromised individuals or as otherwise required by their department head, shall wear a face covering or face shield when providing services as a nurse on behalf the County;

b. County employees under the jurisdiction of the County executive employed in the Sheriff's Department must follow the regulations of that department including those of the Ohio Department of Corrections;

c. County employees under the jurisdiction of the County Executive and visitors to County buildings under the jurisdiction of the County Executive who are at greater risk for severe illness including those not fully vaccinated and boosted, as defined by the CDC, are urged to wear a face covering or face mask when entering County buildings.

3. This office, through the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, will continue to monitor CDC guidance regarding COVID-19. In the event the CDC identifies Cuyahoga County's Community Levels as "High," the County may choose to implement the following restrictions:

a. All visitors to any County building under the sole jurisdiction of the County Executive must wear a face covering when within said County building;

b. All County employees under the jurisdiction of the County Executive must wear a face covering when in a common area within any County building or if the employee's workspace is within six feet of a common area and there is no barrier at least seven feet high surrounding the employee's workspace.


This office will, periodically, advise all County employee by email as to the CDC's determination as to Community Levels in Cuyahoga County and whether a face covering is required.

4. A face covering should be cloth or other fabric worn to cover the individual's nose, mouth, and chin, and as stated by the CDC, a surgical mask, a KN95 mask, or an N95 mask is recommended as the best options. A face shield can be worn when a face covering is not advisable for health reasons or under any other circumstance recognized by the Ohio Department of Health.


5. This Executive Order shall go into immediate effect upon my signature and shall continue in force until rescinded.

6. The original copy of this Executive Order shall be filed with the Cuyahoga County Department of Law, and a copy shall be filed with the Clerk of County Council.

I have signed this Executive Order on this 13 day of June 2022, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.


Armond Budish, County Executive
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Attested to by,


Gregory G. Huth, Director of Law