



## Executive Order No. EO2022-0005

### DECLARATION AND ORDER REQUIRING FACE COVERING IN COUNTY BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, as of this 31 day of May 2022, the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and its recent Variants continues to spread and endanger the lives of the citizens of Cuyahoga County, creating an emergency to life, safety and welfare of our population; and,

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County is committed to the health and well-being of its employees and their families, as well as the residents throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has continued to monitor COVID-19 Community Levels based upon hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. The CDC has most recently identified Cuyahoga County’s Community Level as HIGH and recommends that face coverings be worn indoors in public; and,

WHEREAS, in a continued effort to protect the community and its employees, and to maintain consistency with the CDC recommendations and guidance, the wearing of face coverings inside of public buildings is necessary; and,

WHEREAS, face coverings reduce the spread of COVID-19 and are necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of County employees and residents while in County buildings.

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. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and its Variants, and in accordance with Ohio Department of Health guidelines, effective **Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**, all visitors to any County building under the jurisdiction of the County Executive must wear a face covering when within said County Building.

2. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and in accordance with Ohio Department of Health and CDC guidelines, 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.


3. A face covering must be cloth or other fabric and cover the individual's nose, mouth, and chin. Common area is an area within a County building generally available to the public or used by employees to access areas of the County building outside of an employee's work space.

4. A face covering need not be worn when: the individual's health care provider has indicated such a covering should not be worn; while the employee is working alone in a work space sufficiently isolated from other employees or common area;


5. This Executive Order shall go into immediate effect upon my signature, and shall continue in force until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the Cuyahoga County Health Commissioner.

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 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 2022, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

  
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Armond Budish, County Executive  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Attested to by:

  
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William D. Mason  
Cuyahoga County Chief of Staff