

Executive Order No. EO2022-0004

ORDER RESCINDING EO2021-0016 REGARDING FACE COVERINGS, SOCIAL DISTANCING, and COVID-19 SCREENING IN COUNTY BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, as of August 3, 2021, Cuyahoga County was identified as an area of “substantial transmission” of COVID-19 by the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”); 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, while COVID-19 continues to be a concern, 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 EO2021-0016, dated August 3, 2021, 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of the County Executive to wear a face covering and be screened for temperature and mask-wearing, is hereby rescinded.

2. Repeal of EO2021-0016 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;

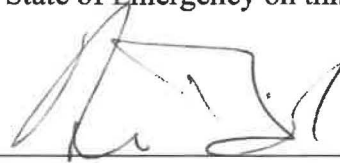
c. County employees under the jurisdiction of the County Executive and visitors to County buildings under the jurisdiction of the County Executive who are at greater risk for severe illness including those not fully vaccinated and boosted, as defined by the CDC, are urged to wear a face covering or face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

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

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 This Executive Order shall go into immediate effect upon my signature and shall continue in force until rescinded.

4. 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 declaring a State of Emergency on this 24 day of March 2022, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.



Armond Budish, County Executive
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Attested to by,



Gregory G. Huth, Director of Law