



Executive Order No. EO2021-0012

DECLARATION AND ORDER REGARDING FACE COVERINGS, SOCIAL DISTANCING, and COVID-19 SCREENING IN COUNTY BUILDINGS; and RESCINDING EO2021-0010

WHEREAS, the citizens of Cuyahoga County have made excellent progress in the fight against COVID-19, reducing the rate of new cases to 79 per 100,000 residents, well below prior levels, and the rate state-wide is close to 50 per 100,000; and,

WHEREAS, while Governor DeWine has rescinded the majority of public health orders effective June 2, 2021, businesses and other entities may continue to require mitigation measures (*e.g.*, masks and social distancing); and

WHEREAS, because a majority of the State population is not yet fully vaccinated against COVID-19, there is good reason for a measured approach to “reopening” County buildings; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the County and State-wide progress, I am adjusting building safety requirements consistent with guidance from both the CDC and the Ohio and County Boards of Health.

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, all visitors entering any County buildings under the exclusive jurisdiction of the County Executive shall be temperature screened for COVID-19 in accordance with guidance provided by the Cuyahoga Board of Health. If the screening indicates that any such visitor may be infected with COVID-19, that individual shall be denied entry to such building unless and until the individual provides evidence of a COVID-19 negative test dated after said screening.

2. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and in accordance with Ohio Department of Health guidelines, all visitors to any County buildings under the exclusive jurisdiction of the County Executive must wear a face covering and maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their family or household when within said County Buildings. A face covering must be cloth or other fabric and worn to cover the individual’s nose, mouth, and chin; a face covering will be provided to any visitor who does not have one. A face shield must 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. Subject to the below, any County employee under the jurisdiction of the County Executive and any contractor who has been issued a County ID by the County Sheriff who presents proof of vaccination to a representative of the County Human Resources Department is

not required to comply with the above masking requirements. For purposes of this Executive Order, proof of vaccination includes any documentation reasonably acceptable to the Department of Human Resources including, without limitation: i) the employee or contractor's original vaccination card or screen shot thereof, ii) a copy of the employee or contractor's medical record indicating same is fully vaccinated.

a. Proof of vaccination stickers will be provided to employees and contractors to place on their County ID or other approved display, which must be visible at all times when not wearing a mask. Vaccinated employees and contractors may choose to wear a mask and should feel free to do so.

b. Any such employee or contractor who chooses not to provide proof of vaccination must wear a mask and will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 in accordance with this Executive Order when entering County buildings; said employees and contractors must wear a mask when in a common area (e.g., hallways, restrooms, etc.), or if the employee's or contractor's workspace is within six feet of a common area and there is no barrier at least seven feet high surrounding said workspace.

c. Any such employee or contractor may be required to wear a mask, regardless of their vaccination status, when instructed by a director to do so, such as when engaged in public-facing duties, working inside the County jail, or departmental policy otherwise requires.


4. This Executive Order shall not apply to private events held at the Huntington Convention Center Cleveland or the Old Courthouse.

5. Executive Order EO2021-0010, dated April 8, 2021, is rescinded.

6. This Executive Order shall go into immediate effect upon my signature and shall continue in force until rescinded or Executive Order No. EO2020-0002, dated March 11, 2020, Declaration of a State of Emergency for Cuyahoga County, is rescinded.

7. 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 16 day of June 2021, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.


Armond Budish, County Executive
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Attested to by,


Gregory G. Huth, Director of Law