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*Brandon M. Scott, Mayor*  
*Letitia Dzirasa, M.D., Commissioner of Health*

**HEALTH COMMISSIONER UPDATED DIRECTIVE AND ORDER RESCINDING  
PRIOR HEALTH ORDERS RELATED TO COVID-19**

May 12, 2021

WHEREAS, a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed by the Governor of Maryland on March 5, 2020 and renewed on March 17, 2020, April 10, 2020, May 6, 2020, June 3, 2020, July 1, 2020, July 31, 2020, August 10, 2020, September 8, 2020, October 6, 2020 and October 30, 2020, November 25, 2020, December 23, 2020, January 21, 2021, February 19, 2021, March 18, 2021 and April 16, 2021 to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and the catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Bernard “Jack” C. Young of Baltimore City declared a State of Emergency for Baltimore City due to the spread of COVID-19, which is still in place;

WHEREAS, the Health Commissioner for Baltimore City has authority pursuant to COMAR 10.06.01.06, Section 4-404 of the Baltimore City Health Code as well the authority delegated to Health Officers by Governor Hogan’s various Executive Orders to take actions necessary to protect the health of the citizens of Baltimore City;

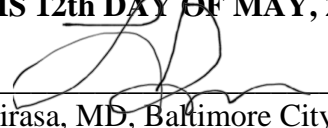
WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority and finding it necessary for the prevention and control of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and for the protection of the health and safety of individuals in Baltimore City, Maryland, the Health Commissioner for Baltimore City issued health orders related to face coverings dated November 6, 2020 and April 30, 2021 (the “COVID Health Orders”);

WHEREAS, given the recent data trends the Health Commissioner wishes to issue this Health Order rescinding the COVID Health Orders in order to follow the restrictions imposed by the Governor and the Secretary of Health while specifically reserving the right to impose additional restrictions if necessary to protect the citizens of Baltimore and in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, specifically.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Letitia Dzirasa, M.D., the Health Commissioner for the City of Baltimore, by virtue of the authority found in COMAR 10.06.01.06 and Section 4-404 of the Baltimore City Health Code, do hereby proclaim and order on this 12th day of May, 2021:

1. Effective, Monday May 17, 2021 at 6 AM, the COVID Health Orders are rescinded and the restrictions imposed by the Governor of the State of Maryland and the Maryland Health Secretary shall govern.
2. The Health Commissioner will continue to monitor the data on a daily basis in consultation with the Mayor and hospital leaders and specifically reserves the right to impose additional restrictions if it becomes necessary in order to protect the citizens of Baltimore City and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
3. This Health Order shall take effect Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6.A.M.

**THIS ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 12th DAY OF MAY, 2021.**

  
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Letitia Dzirasa, MD, Baltimore City Health  
Commissioner