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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 14, 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, on May 14, 2021 the Governor for the State of Maryland issued an Order removing the requirement for facemasking;

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 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 is issuing this health order requiring face masking as set forth herein.

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 14th day of May, 2021:

I. Face Coverings.

A. Requirement to Wear Face Coverings.

i. Except as provided in Section B below, all persons in Maryland over the age of five (5) years old are required to wear a Face Covering when they are:

1. in or on any Public Transportation or School Bus;
2. indoors at any location where members of the public are generally permitted, including without limitation, Religious Facilities, Retail Establishments, Foodservice Establishments, Fitness Centers, Gaming Facilities, the Indoor Areas of Racing Facilities, Indoor Recreation Establishments, Personal Services Establishments, and Indoor Venues;
3. at any Outdoor Venue. “Outdoor Venue” means any outdoor venue in Maryland at which (i) live performances occur, motion pictures are shown, or sporting events occur (including, without limitation, major league, professional, minor league, semi-professional, amateur, recreational, motor sports, and collegiate sporting events), and (ii) entry is limited to ticketed customers; provided, however, that the term “Outdoor Venue” does not include golf courses and driving ranges, outdoor archery and shooting ranges, marinas and watercraft rental businesses, campgrounds, horse boarding and riding facilities, drive-in movie theaters, outdoor swimming pools, outdoor day camps, amusement parks, tour boats, miniature golf establishments, and go-kart tracks;
4. obtaining healthcare services, including without limitation, in offices of physicians and dentists, hospitals, pharmacies, and laboratories;
5. engaged in work in any area where:
 - a. interaction with others is likely, including without limitation, in shared areas of commercial offices; or
 - b. food is prepared or packaged; and
6. indoors in any portion of a School where interaction with others is likely, including without limitation, classrooms, hallways, cafeterias, auditoriums, and gymnasiums.

ii. Single-use Face Coverings shall be properly discarded in trash receptacles. It is recommended that all reusable Face Coverings be cleaned frequently (at least once per day).

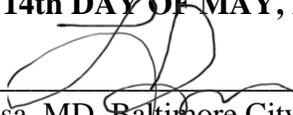
B. Exceptions. Paragraph A does not require persons to wear Face Coverings:

- i. if, due to a bona fide disability or medical condition, it would be unsafe for the person to do so;
- ii. to the extent wearing a Face Covering would impede communication by or with persons who have a hearing impairment or other disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;
- iii. if wearing a Face Covering would subject the person to an unsafe working condition, as determined by federal, state, or local occupational safety regulators or workplace safety guidelines;
- iv. to the extent wearing a Face Covering would make it impossible to receive services requiring access to the face, mouth, or head, including without limitation, dental care, shaving, and facial treatments;
- v. while consuming food or beverages;
- vi. while swimming or engaging in other physical activities where the use of a Face Covering is likely to pose a bona fide safety risk;
- vii. while operating any Public Transportation conveyance, provided that the person is (1) the sole operator of the conveyance, and (2) located in a separate compartment that is off-limits to riders; or
- viii. to the extent it is necessary to observe the person's entire face to verify such person's identity for bona fide security purposes.
- ix. outdoors, unless in an Outdoor Venue as that term is defined in Section A. i 3 above.

C. To the extent that any provision of this Order conflicts with an order of the Governor of Maryland or the Maryland Secretary of Health, the more restrictive order shall prevail.

D. This Health Order shall take effect immediately.

THIS ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 14th DAY OF MAY, 2021.



Letitia Dzirasa, MD, Baltimore City Health
Commissioner