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

**HEALTH COMMISSIONER ORDER RESCINDING HEALTH COMMISSIONER  
UPDATED DIRECTIVE AND ORDER FOR FACE COVERINGS DATED AUGUST 10,  
2021**

**(EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2022)**

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, then 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 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 Commissioner Updated Directive and Order for Face Coverings dated August 10, 2021 (the “City Masking Order”);

WHEREAS, given the recent data trends indicating a stark decline in COVID hospitalizations and the fact that according to MDH data, as of February 22nd, 76.8% of all city residents (5) five and up have received a first or single dose of the COVID vaccine, and 67.4% are fully vaccinated, the Health Commissioner wishes to issue this Health Order rescinding the City Masking Order.

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 25th day of February, 2022:

1. Effective, Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6 AM, the City Masking Order is rescinded and face masking will no longer be required in Baltimore City

**THIS ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 25th DAY OF February 25, 2022.**



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Letitia Dzirasa, MD  
Baltimore City Commissioner of Health