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**CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 5A**

**TITLE: ORDER REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS IN ALL BUSINESS AND INDOOR SETTINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**ISSUER: Director of Emergency Services**

**ISSUED: September 29, 2021**

**EFFECTIVE: Immediate**

**DURATION: October 31, 2021 unless extended.**

**AUTHORITY: Resolution No. 2020-06 (03/16/2020); CCMC §2.20.060; Gov. Code § 8610, 6834, 41601; Health & Safety Code § 101029.**

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2021, in response to the rapid increase in community transmission throughout California, the California Department of Public Health updated its Guidance for the Use of Masks (see following link) to include a recommendation for universal masking of all persons in indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>); and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, in response to the rapid increase in community transmission throughout the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People (see following link) to include a recommendation for universal masking of all persons in indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status in areas of substantial or high transmission (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>); and

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Public Health, as of September 28, 2021, California has had 4,482,881 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 68,517 deaths; and

WHEREAS, according to the Riverside County Department of Public Health, as of September 27, 2021, Riverside County has had 353,364 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 4,985 deaths; and

WHEREAS, the City's actions to protect life and property related to COVID-19 are impacted by the rapid rise in community transmission of COVID-19.



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**The Director of Emergency Services hereby ORDERS the following:**

1. Effective immediately, all persons, whether or not vaccinated for COVID-19, shall wear a mask while in all business and indoor settings open to the public, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Fitness centers (gyms, yoga studios, dance studios). Face coverings shall be worn at all times within such locations, including while exercising;
  - b. Shopping at a store;
  - c. Picking up food or in-person dining;
  - d. Picking up, or in-person shopping for, retail goods within a retail store;
  - e. On public transportation;
  - f. In a taxi or rideshare vehicle;
  - g. When seeking healthcare inside a business or healthcare facility;
  - h. Inside any business facility;
  - i. When working indoors at any job while interacting with the public or other employees.
2. Face coverings are NOT required to be worn by individuals who are:
  - a. At home;
  - b. In a car alone with members of their own household;
  - c. Seated at a table or bar at a restaurant;
  - d. Under the age of 2 years;
  - e. Outdoors;
  - f. Individuals for whom seeing the mouth is essential for communication, such as the hearing impaired, or those who are communicating with a person who is hearing impaired;
  - g. Individuals for whom wearing a mask would create a risk as they work, as specifically determined by local, state, or federal regulators;
  - h. An individual who is receiving services or engaging in activities for which removal of the face covering while that person is receiving such services is essential. However, such individual must demonstrate to the service providing operator compliance with proof of COVID-19 vaccination or an applicable exemption (as described in Section 2 below), and if such individual is unvaccinated, such individual must provide to the service-providing operator written evidence of a negative COVID-19 test where the specimen collection occurred within 72 hours prior to the visit, using an FDA-authorized COVID-19 test. Examples of such services or activities include, but are not limited to, dental service, beard service, make-up application, swimming and tanning, and facial skin waxing; and



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- i. Those with a health condition whose medical provider has advised against wearing a face covering and can provide documentation. However, such individuals must wear a protective face shield.
3. Businesses (whether for profit or not) must:
- a. Require their workers, contractors, owners, and volunteers to wear a face covering at the workplace and when performing work indoors;
  - b. Post a sign at a conspicuous location at each entrance to the business, advising of the requirement to wear face coverings;
  - c. Every hotel, motel, vacation rental, or timeshare must post signage, advising of the face covering rules applicable within the City of Cathedral City. Such signage must be posted at a conspicuous location at every entrance and exit to such building, as well as on the inside of the door of every hotel, motel and/or timeshare room. For vacation rentals, such signage may be posted on or next to the main door on the inside;
  - d. Take reasonable steps to keep individuals who are not wearing a face covering from entering the business; and
  - e. Refuse service to anyone not wearing a face covering.

Nothing in this Order is intended to preempt the application of more stringent requirements of any federal, state, or County COVID-19 requirement.

4. Effective immediately, all persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear face coverings while present at all outdoor events, such as parades or gatherings as determined by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services, where social distancing cannot safely be accomplished.
5. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 120295 and City of Cathedral City Municipal Code Section 2.20.100, any violation of this Order may be determined to be an infraction or a misdemeanor and punishable by fine and/or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days.

ISSUED on this 29th day of September, 2021

BY:

Charles McClendon  
City Manager / Director of Emergency Services

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