



CITY OF RACINE MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

May 14, 2021

SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF FACE COVERINGS ORDINANCE

Whereas, on March 18, 2020, I proclaimed a public health emergency to exist in the City of Racine as a result of the threat of a novel coronavirus, COVID-19; and

Whereas, COVID-19, continues to exist, necessitating continued and updated guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials; and

Whereas, protecting the health and safety of City of Racine residents, visitors, and employees is of paramount importance; and

Whereas, on July 21, 2020, the Common Council of the City of Racine adopted Ordinance 0006-20 2019 Novel Coronavirus Response - Face Coverings, which was codified as Racine Ordinances section 54-35; and

Whereas, COVID-19 vaccines are a safe and effective means of preventing COVID-19 infections and such vaccines are readily available to City of Racine residents, visitors, and employees; and

Whereas, the wearing of face masks continues to be an effective tool for limiting the spread of COVID-19, especially for those persons who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19; and

Whereas, on May 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released guidance stating that, “fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance”; and

Whereas, I will recommend that the Common Council repeal Racine Ordinances section 54-35 at its meeting on May 18, 2021.

Now therefore, in accordance with the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Racine by Wisconsin Statutes section 62.09(8)(a), and with the concurrence of the City of Racine Public Health Administrator, I do declare, proclaim, and order as follows:

Effective 12:00 Noon on Friday, May 14, 2021, I order that enforcement of Racine Ordinances section 54-35 by the City of Racine be suspended.

All City of Racine employees who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 must continue to comply with the Racine Public Health Department's Employee Face Mask Policy.

All City of Racine departments are authorized and directed to undertake any necessary actions to carry this order into effect.

Dated at Racine, Wisconsin, this 14th day of May, 2021.

Cory Mason
Mayor