

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-17

I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, on March 10, 2022, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code section 13.06, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-1 declaring a Peacetime State of Emergency to authorize all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response. This Executive Order has expired; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, I issued an Emergency Declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 12.29 and Saint Paul Legislative Code section 13.06, which the City Council consented to on March 17, 2020. This Declaration has been extended and remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Legislative Code 13.06(c) gives the Mayor the authority to issue emergency executive orders and provides that “by like proclamation the mayor may modify or rescind any such regulation”; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code section 13.06, I rescinded Executive Order 2022-11 related to face coverings in City-Licensed Businesses and City-Controlled Property and replaced it with Executive Order 2022-14 which required the following:

Regulations:

1. Individuals, regardless of vaccine status, at City-Controlled Property: Must wear a face covering indoors at all times. Employees who are not in a congregate setting and are alone in their assigned workspace may refrain from wearing a face covering.
2. Individuals are not required to wear a face covering while outdoors, unless at an activity specifically designated and posted by the City as requiring a face covering.
3. Athletes, performers, and supporting staff competing or performing at indoor spaces that are controlled by the City of Saint Paul are not subject to this regulation.
4. All Businesses: Strongly encouraged to continue to require that all individuals, regardless of vaccine status, wear a face covering indoors at all times when social distancing of at least 6 feet is not maintained; and

WHEREAS, at that time, the City of Saint Paul maintained the above-described face covering requirement in order to continue evaluating the spread of COVID-19 by monitoring case rates, positivity rates, hospitalizations, and vaccination rates; and

WHEREAS, amid promising downward trends of case rates, positivity rates, and hospitalizations in Ramsey County, data available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as of March 3, 2022 shows that the Community Level related to risk is Low, the reported cases per 100,000 is 118.11, hospital admissions per 100,000 are 6.1, and percentage of hospital beds occupied are at 5.9%; and

WHEREAS, these promising public health metric trends, combined with 81% of those eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine (5 and older) in Ramsey County having received at least one dose, demonstrate progress toward ending this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control determines the COVID Community Level in Ramsey County is Low as of March 10, 2022, based on COVID-19 hospital admissions, inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients, and total new COVID-19 cases in the past seven days; and

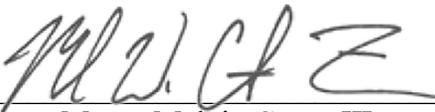
WHEREAS, while not required, masks are strongly encouraged for all residents of the City of Saint Paul whether on City-Controlled Property, in a City-Licensed Business or other facility, regardless of vaccine status when social distancing of at least 6 feet is not maintained.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby issue the following Emergency Executive Order:

Executive Order 2022-14, related to face coverings in City-Controlled Property is rescinded.

Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, this Executive Order will take effect immediately on March 10, 2022 following my signature.

Signed: March 10, 2022



Mayor Melvin Carter III