

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-25

I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, on June 2, 2021, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 13.06, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

On May 21, 2021, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 13.06, I issued Executive Order 2021-21 ordering the following:

1. Individuals at City-Controlled Property: Must wear a face covering indoors at all times when social distancing of at least 6 feet is not maintained.
2. Businesses Licensed by the City of Saint Paul: Must require all individuals to wear a face covering indoors at all times when social distancing of at least 6 feet is not maintained, except for temporary removal of face covering when eating or drinking.
3. All Businesses: Strongly encouraged to continue to require that all individuals wear a face covering indoors at all times when social distancing of at least 6 feet is not maintained.

Governor Tim Walz ended the statewide mask mandate on May 14, 2021 following updated CDC guidance that stated vaccinated people don't need to wear masks indoors unless in a few specific settings (such as healthcare).

At that time, in close consultation with Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health (SP-RCPH), the City of Saint Paul maintained the above-described mask mandate in order to continue evaluating the spread of COVID-19 by monitoring case rates, positivity rates, hospitalizations, and vaccination rates.

According to SP-RCPH, data available as of June 1, 2021 show that:

1. Case rates, positivity rates, and hospitalizations continue to decline deeply.
2. While we have not yet reached the SP-RCPH vaccination goal of 55% of residents ages 16 and older receiving at least one dose of a vaccine in every zip code, vaccination rates continue to increase and local public health officials anticipate that with our ongoing vaccination efforts the one remaining zip code in which we have not yet reached this target (55130 with 52% vaccination rate as of May 28) will meet this goal in the coming week.
3. 70.6% of those eligible for the vaccine (12 and older) in Ramsey County have now received at least one dose.

These promising public health metric trends combined with ongoing efforts to increase vaccination rates across the City of Saint Paul with SP-RCPH demonstrate progress toward ending this pandemic.

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

Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, I hereby rescind Executive order 2021-21, effective immediately.

All remaining and applicable executive orders and associated guidance issued by Ramsey County, the State of Minnesota and/or CDC relative to the wearing of face coverings continue to have full force and effect within the City of Saint Paul.

Signed: June 2, 2021


Mayor Melvin Carter III