

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-33

I, Melvin Carter III, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, on August 3, 2021, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 13.06, do hereby issue the following Executive Order:

On March 15, 2020, Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter issued an Emergency Declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic” pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29; which the City Council consented to on March 17, 2020. This Declaration has been extended and remains in effect.

Even though the spread of COVID-19 has slowed, and vaccinations are becoming widely available, serious threats to health and safety of persons and other impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to be felt in the City.

Saint Paul Leg. Code Chapter 13.06(b) provides that, “whenever necessary to meet an emergency ... the mayor may by executive order promulgate regulations ... for which adequate regulations have not been adopted ... respecting the conduct of persons and the use of property during emergencies; emergency health, fire and safety regulations; and all other matters which are required to protect public safety, health and welfare in emergencies”.

On July 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated their information for fully vaccinated people given new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant currently circulating in the United States. This updated information included a recommendation for fully vaccinated people to wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission.

On July 29, 2021, the CDC COVID-19 data track changed Ramsey County’s level of community transmission to “substantial, triggering the CDC recommendation for fully vaccinated people to wear masks in public indoor settings.

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

Regulations:

1. All 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. City of Saint Paul employees and visitors 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. All Businesses: Strongly encouraged to require that all individuals, regardless of vaccine status, wear a face covering indoors.

Terms:

1. Individual: all persons except young children at risk of suffocation and persons who cannot medically tolerate wearing a face covering.
2. City-Controlled Property: includes park facilities, libraries, and City offices and workplaces.
3. Congregate setting: an environment where a number of people work, meet, or gather in close proximity for either a limited or extended period of time. Any specific regulations for individual City spaces will be published on the City website and posted at each location.
4. Face Covering: includes manufactured or homemade cloth face coverings. Face coverings must fully cover an individual's nose and mouth. Face coverings are not required to be medical-grade masks.

Enforcement:

1. Any Individual who fails to comply with this requirement will be asked to leave any city-controlled property. Any individual who subsequently refuses to leave said property upon request will be deemed to be trespassing and may be subject to criminal penalties as provided by law.

Pursuant to Chapter 13 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, this Executive Order is in immediate effect upon my signature and, if not sooner rescinded or later extended, shall expire at the end of forty (40) days after its effective date or at the end of the declared local emergency to which it relates, whichever occurs first.

Signed: August 3, 2021



Mayor Melvin Carter III