

**ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS**

The Director of the Evanston Department of Health and Human Services hereby issues the following Public Health Order for the City of Evanston, Illinois, issued on this 24th day of August, 2021 ("Order").

Introduction

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, former Mayor Stephen H. Hagerty issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency ("Declaration") pursuant to the Evanston Municipal Code §9-9-3 due to the COVID-19 health crisis;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization ("WHO") has indicated that COVID-19 is spread primarily by respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes and droplets can also be generated by talking, laughing or exhaling;

WHEREAS, On January 27, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19, a respiratory illness spread by close contact through respiratory droplets, presents a public health emergency, and the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic on March 11, 2020

WHEREAS, The Evanston Health and Human Services Department is a State certified Department responsible for determining when a danger to the public health exists within its jurisdiction, and to order measures deemed necessary to protect the public health until such time that the danger to the public health is eliminated or controlled in such a manner that an immediate threat no longer exists.

WHEREAS, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Evanston and the threat of the Delta variant, and to further protect the residents of the City of Evanston from disease and death, and pursuant to the authority set forth under by the Illinois Department of Public Health pursuant to the Illinois Public Health Act (20 ILCS 2305/1.1 et seq.); the Illinois Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law (20 ILCS 2310/2310-15 et seq.); and the Evanston Municipal Code §8-1-3-1(C), which states:

*© Disease: Epidemics and Pandemics. In the case of any disease outbreak inclusive of any epidemic disease of any disease event categorized as a pandemic or of danger from an anticipated or impending epidemic or pandemic disease, or in case of sanitary conditions of the City should be of such character as to warrant, it shall be the duty of the Public Health Director or the City Manager or his/her designee to take such measures and to do, order and cause to be done such acts for the preservation of the public health as he/she may in good faith declare the public safety and health demands, except as may be herein, elsewhere or otherwise specifically authorized.*

The Director finds that it is necessary to issue this Order as set forth below.

**ORDER**

It is hereby ordered in the City of Evanston that in all Businesses and Public Indoor settings that the following apply:

1(A) Any individual aged two and older and able to medically tolerate a mask shall be required to wear a mask when indoors in a public place, regardless of vaccination status.

(B) For the purposes of this Order, indoor public spaces include any common or shared space in: (1) a residential multi-unit building or (2) any non-residential building, including but not limited to retail stores, restaurants, bars/taverns, health and fitness clubs, museums, hotels, personal services, performance

venues, movie theaters, commercial buildings, event venues, healthcare settings, funeral homes, congregate facilities, City facilities, on public transportation and in transportation hubs.

(C) Mask refers to a complete and tight knit fabric or cloth, or medical mask that is appropriately sized for the individual's face to snugly cover the nasal openings and mouth without being held in place by the individual's hands.

(D) All businesses open to public must post signage. The signage must be conspicuous such as posted at all entrances to the premises as well as prominently posted in an area visible to patrons and staff within the establishment. The font sizes of the signage must be bold, readable and must advise for all individuals to wear masks.


(E) Masks may be removed at restaurants, bars and other eating/drinking establishments by patrons when they are actively eating/drinking while stationary. Masks can also be removed for certain activities that require their removal, such as beard shaves or facials.

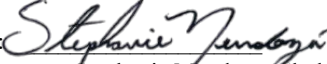
2. Refusal of Admission or Service. A business owner or operator may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear a face covering as required by this Order.

The intent of this Order is to further increase the wearing of face coverings when in public to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus and the threat of the Delta variants and other variants, and to protect all members of the Evanston community. Violations of this Order shall be subject to the fines, penalties and provisions set forth under the Evanston Municipal Code §8-1-3-1(F) and all applicable penalties provided for in law.

This Order shall take effect on August 27, 2021 at 6:00am and shall remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency as declared by United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, or until such time the Evanston Health and Human Services Department makes a written determination that the threat to public safety has diminished to the point that this Order can be safely repealed

Signed and Sealed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

By:   
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City of Evanston  
Department of Health and Human Services

Filed with:   
Stephanie Mendoza, Clerk  
City of Evanston