



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

ORDER RESCINDING THE FOURTH AMENDED TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDER AMENDING OUTDOOR MASK REQUIREMENTS AND REQUIRING THE WEARING OF MASKS IN ALL INDOOR PUBLIC PLACES, BUSINESSES, AND IN COMMON AREAS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

EFFECTIVE MAY 29, 2021

WHEREAS, in response to the outbreak of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, over the course of 2020 through the present, Governor Charles D. Baker has declared a State of Emergency and issued a number of public health orders initially closing businesses, other than those that provide COVID-19 essential services, and restricting gatherings, and then in response to improving public health data phasing in the reopening of specific industries in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Cambridge Commissioner of Public Health and Cambridge City Manager declared that a state of emergency exists in the City of Cambridge, and over the course of 2020 through the present the Cambridge Commissioner of Public Health and Cambridge City Manager have issued a number of public health orders specifically targeted to address the COVID-19 public health conditions in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS, the City's public health orders have included a mandatory Mask and Face Covering Order, that has been amended on several occasions, and was most recently amended effective April 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, Governor Baker announced that the Commonwealth will lift all remaining COVID-19 restrictions as of May 29, 2021, and will end the Commonwealth's State of Emergency as of June 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this includes rescinding the Governor's Face-Covering Order, and instead the Massachusetts Department of Public Health will issue a new face-covering advisory consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance that will advise all unvaccinated residents to continue to wear face-coverings in indoor settings when they cannot social distance, and will require face-coverings to be worn on public and private transportation, inside k-12 public schools, inside childcare programs, in health care facilities, in congregate care settings, in health care and rehabilitation services and programs, and in home-based care settings; and

WHEREAS, the City will also rescind its public health orders that address the reopening of businesses and gatherings as of May 29, 2021, and will rescind the City's declaration that a state of emergency exists in the City of Cambridge as of June 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City has continued to closely monitor the public health data and the specific conditions in Cambridge, particularly in light of the availability of COVID-19 vaccinations and the City's cautious approach to reopening, and the City has experienced a sustained decline in the number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths linked to COVID-19; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Cambridge Commissioner of Public Health and the City Manager hereby order as follows:

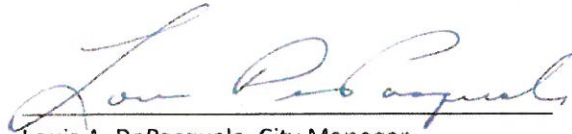
The City's Fourth Amended Temporary Emergency Order Amending Outdoor Mask Requirements and Requiring the Wearing of Masks in all Indoor Public Places, Businesses, and in Common Areas of Residential Buildings, effective April 30, 2021, is rescinded and of no effect as of midnight (12:00 a.m.) May 29, 2021.

Dated: May 27, 2021

By:



Assaad J. Sayah, MD, Commissioner of Public Health



Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager