



**MARTIN COUNTY
EMERGENCY ORDER 21-01
(TERMINATION OF MARTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDER 20-17 -
STRONGLY ENCOURAGING FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC)**

WHEREAS, Section 51.4.C., General Ordinances, Martin County Code, authorizes the County Administrator to issue any such orders as are deemed necessary to protect life and property and preserve critical resources; and

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents a wide range of symptoms, some of which are similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) advised that COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks; these droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs; and studies and evidence on infection control report that these droplets usually travel around 6 feet (about two arms lengths); and

WHEREAS, the CDC advised that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms ("asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms ("presymptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity -- for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing -- even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a pandemic related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has declared the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 as "high", both in the United States and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis issued and renewed Executive Orders declaring a Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, a State of Local Emergency exists within Martin County for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CDC and Florida Department of Health provided guidance that wearing

a face covering protects others from exposure as well as themselves; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Department of Health, the CDC and the Cleveland Clinic recommended that all persons wear cloth face coverings while in public to help control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2020, the County issued Emergency Order 20-17 strongly encouraging individual to wear face coverings in public; and

WHEREAS, since the issuance of the public health emergency and the recommendations to wear face coverings in public, statewide efforts have been made to distribute COVID-19 vaccines, which are now available to residents 12 years and older; and

WHEREAS, scientific studies show that vaccines protect individuals from COVID-19 and reduce hospitalizations and deaths caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CDC issued guidance that vaccines are safe and effective; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2021, the CDC updated its guidance on face coverings indicating that fully vaccinated individuals can resume activities without wearing a face covering or physically distancing; and

WHEREAS, based on the new CDC guidance and the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine, Martin County determined that Emergency Order 20-17, which strongly encouraged individuals to wear face coverings in public, should be terminated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Martin County Emergency Order 20-17, Strongly Encouraging Face Coverings in Public, is hereby terminated by this Order.

2. Any provisions within this Order that conflict with any state or federal law or constitutional provision, or conflicts with or are superseded by a current or subsequently-issued Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Florida or the President of the United States, shall be deemed inapplicable and deemed to be severed from this Order, with the remainder of the Order remaining intact and in full force and effect. To the extent application of some or all of the provisions of this Order is prohibited on the sovereign land of a federally or state recognized sovereign or Indian tribe, such application is expressly excluded from this Order.


3. Prior resolutions and emergency orders remain in full force and effect unless modified or superseded.

4. This Order shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Signed this 18th day of May 2021 at 4:00pm (am) (pm).




Taryn Kryzda
County Administrator
Martin County Board of County Commissioners



Concurrence: Sally Waite
Emergency Management Director
Martin County Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



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