

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2022-018

January 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Extension of Indoor Mask Requirements

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia pursuant to section 422 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, Pub. L. 93-198, 87 Stat. 790, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22 (2016 Repl.); section 5 of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective March 5, 1981, D.C. Law 3-149, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304 (2018 Repl.); and section 1 of An Act To Authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make regulations to prevent and control the spread of communicable and preventable diseases, approved August 11, 1939, 53 Stat. 1408, D.C. Official Code §§ 7-131 *et seq.* (2018 Repl.); and in accordance with the Public Emergency Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, effective January 6, 2022, D.C. Act 24-276; and Mayor's Order 2022-007, dated January 6, 2022, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

I. BACKGROUND

1. More than 22 months after the World Health Organization declared a pandemic and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Mayor of the District of Columbia declared a public health emergency for the 2019 novel coronavirus, more than 72.28 million Americans have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and more than 866,000 have died from the disease. Total confirmed infections in the District have risen to 128,739, and tragically, 1,278 District residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19.
2. Given the very high (though falling) daily case rate of 51.3 cases per 100,000 persons, the indoor masking requirements established by Mayor's Order 2021-147, dated December 20, 2021, continue to be necessary. When that Order was issued, transmission stood at a seven-day average of 42.8 new daily cases per 100,000 persons.
3. Therefore, this Mayor's Order extends the indoor masking requirements set forth in Mayor's Order 2021-147, until 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2022.

II. INDOOR MASKING REQUIREMENT AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY


1. Section IV of Mayor's Order 2021-147, dated December 20, 2021, is extended until 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2022, along with all enforcement provisions relating to it set forth in that Order or in District law.
2. The Department of Health ("DC Health") continues to be authorized to issue binding guidance specifying the scope and exemptions to indoor masking requirements, and such rules shall continue to be posted at coronavirus.dc.gov.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

This Order shall be effective immediately and shall continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2022 unless extended or repealed.



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

KIMBERLY A. BASSETT
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA