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## Deborah Kafoury Multnomah County Chair

### MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON EXECUTIVE RULE NO. 393

## Countywide Indoor Face Covering Order

- A. On June 24, 2021, the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 2021-058 to extend the emergency declared in Executive Rule 388, its Addendum, and Resolution 2020-110, to December 31, 2021, or until rescinded.
- B. The Multnomah County Code Section 25.460(G) provides the Chair with authority to order "measures necessary to protect life or property, or facilitate recovery from the emergency" once an emergency has been declared.
- C. The Chair is authorized to adopt Executive Rules to carry out the Chair's duties and responsibilities under the Charter as chief executive officer (MCC 7.001(O) and 7.007).
- D. The Chair may delegate administrative powers but retains full responsibility for the acts of subordinates (Charter section 6.10(7)).
- E. The COVID-19 Delta variant poses a significant threat to the health of Multnomah County residents and the continued functioning of the County's hospitals, schools and businesses.
- F. As of August 9, 2021, 544,051 individuals had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in Multnomah County. However, 132,447 eligible individuals over the age of 18 have not yet been immunized, or 19.6% of the eligible population.
- G. Although vaccination still effectively lowers the chance of severe illness, even with the Delta variant, it does not prevent all infections. Recent data shows fully vaccinated individuals with the infection can potentially spread COVID-19 to others. Therefore, everyone needs to use masks now to slow the spread of transmission, not just unvaccinated individuals.
- H. Widespread use of masks and face coverings, especially in indoor settings, has been shown to lower the risk of COVID-19 transmission at the population level.
- I. Lowering COVID-19 transmission risk through use of masks and face coverings in indoor public spaces is expected to allow for continued unrestricted movement within Multnomah County while COVID-19 vaccination efforts continue.

The following Executive Rule is adopted:

1. The Multnomah County Health Department is directed to issue guidance requiring the use of face coverings in Multnomah County for all indoor public settings. This guidance

will closely mirror the October 2020 guidance from the Oregon Health Authority, and should be issued by Wednesday, August 11, 2021. The Executive Order and guidance pursuant to this Order, will become effective Friday, August 13, 2021.

2. This Executive Order, and guidance issued pursuant to this Order, is to be interpreted and applied consistent with any more restrictive or sector specific rule, order, or guidance on face coverings issued by cities within Multnomah County, the State of Oregon, or the federal government.
3. Any violation of this Order, and guidance issued pursuant to this Order, may be subject to a civil fine of up to \$1000 for each offense. The enforcement process and rules will be established by the Health Department.
4. This Executive Rule shall remain in effect until rescinded, until the emergency declared in Resolution 2021-058 is concluded or rescinded or until there is a comparable, equally or more restrictive state mandate.

Dated this 11th day of August, 2021.



Deborah Kafoury, Multnomah County Chair

REVIEWED:

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for Multnomah County, Oregon



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