

Executive Order Requiring Masks in Chatham County Owned Facilities and Recommending the Utilization of Masks in Other Buildings Located in the Unincorporated Areas of Chatham County.

WHEREAS, Article 1-111 of Title 38 of the Georgia Emergency Management Act 1981, specifically O.C.G.A §38-3-2; and as amended the Chatham County Code of Ordinance Section 4-310(1) grants authority to the Chairman of the Chatham County Commission the lawful right to declare that emergency conditions exists within Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, the incident of infection of COVID-19 throughout the entirety of Chatham County is resurging and the infection rate being in significantly greater numbers and continuing to spread; and

WHEREAS, the spread of this disease will continue to increase the demands for medical services, medical facilities, and pharmaceuticals for the treatment of patients with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that a mask or suitable facial covering and physical/social distancing of six feet between persons and the regular washing of hands will slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County commits to taking necessary mitigation measures described herein to control the spread of COVID-19 and to maintain the health and welfare of all citizens and visitors of Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, in support of the advice from the Director of the Coastal Health District; and

WHEREAS, this Emergency Order is intended to be entered with due regard that masks or facial coverings in public places with physical/social distancing of six feet between persons and the consistent washing of hands have been shown to assist in slowing the spread of COVID-19 throughout populations.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me as Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and pursuant to local and state law, it is hereby required that masks or facial coverings be required in all Chatham County owned facilities. Businesses in the unincorporated portions of Chatham County are encouraged to participate in the same.

As a good measure for public safety, all persons within Chatham County are encouraged to practice regular and routine hand washing with soap and water or use an alcohol based sanitizer and maintain six feet of physical/social distancing between persons to the greatest extent possible.

This Executive Order shall not prohibit a municipality from enacting a more restrictive order or ordinance within the municipal jurisdiction as it relates to the COVID- 19 emergency.

This Executive Order shall become effective immediately at 4:00 PM on July 27, 2021 and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on August 27, 2021 unless modified or rescinded.

Therefore, it is hereby DECREED, ORDERED and DECLARED that there exists an emergency situation in Chatham County and the provisions herein shall apply in Chatham County owned facilities and throughout the unincorporated areas of Chatham County. To preserve the universal application of masks or facial coverings for Chatham County facilities and the unincorporated areas of the County, I do hereby sign this Executive Order.

This the 27th day of July, 2021.

By: 

Chester A. Ellis, Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners



R. Jonathan Hart, County Attorney

Attest: 

Lateia Lott-Parker, Assistant Clerk of Commission

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