



## **Executive Order No. EO2021-0016**

### **DECLARATION AND ORDER REGARDING FACE COVERINGS, SOCIAL DISTANCING, and COVID-19 SCREENING IN COUNTY BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS, on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021, the life, safety and welfare of the residents of Cuyahoga County are in jeopardy due to the outbreak of a deadly infectious respiratory disease identified as the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19); and,

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County has been identified as an area of “substantial transmission” by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the “CDC”); and

WHEREAS, in updated guidance, the CDC and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) recommend that those in areas of substantial transmission, including those who are fully vaccinated, wear a face covering in public indoor settings; and

WHEREAS, while the COVID-19 Delta variant continues to spread it is appropriate to update requirements for County buildings and rescind prior Executive Orders accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Armond Budish, County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, by virtue of the powers vested in me under Article 18, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, by the Charter of Cuyahoga County, and the laws of Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio, do hereby order and declare as follows:

1. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, all visitors and County employees entering any County building under the jurisdiction of the County Executive shall be screened for temperature and mask-wearing. If the screening indicates that any such visitor or employee has a heightened temperature or is not wearing a mask, that individual shall be denied entry to such building.
2. A face covering, or face shield as necessary, will be provided to any visitor who does not have one. A face covering must be cloth or other fabric and worn to cover the individual’s nose, mouth, and chin. A face shield must be worn when a face covering is not advisable for health reasons or under any other circumstance recognized by the Ohio Department of Health.
3. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and in accordance with CDC and CCBH guidance, all visitors to any County building under the jurisdiction of the County Executive must wear a face covering and maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their family or household when within said County Buildings.

4. In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and in accordance with CDC and CCBH guidance, all county employees under the jurisdiction of the County Executive must wear a face covering when in a common area within any County building or if the employee's workspace is within six feet of a common area and there is no barrier at least seven feet high surrounding the employee's workspace. Common area is an area within a County building generally available to the public or otherwise used by employees and outside of an employee's work space (e.g., hallways and other walkways, stairwells, restrooms, and breakrooms).

5. A face covering need not be worn while the employee is working alone in a work space sufficiently isolated from other employees or common area, or under any other circumstance recognized by the Ohio Department of Health.

6. This Executive Order shall not apply to private events held at the Huntington Convention Center Cleveland or the Old Courthouse.

7. Executive Order EO2021-0014, dated June 28, 2021, is hereby rescinded.

8. This Executive Order shall go into immediate effect upon my signature and shall continue in force until rescinded.


9. The original copy of this Executive Order shall be filed with the Cuyahoga County Department of Law, and a copy shall be filed with the Clerk of County Council.

I have signed this Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency on this 3<sup>d</sup> day of August 2021, in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.



Armond Budish, County Executive  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Attested to by,



Gregory G. Huth, Director of Law