



Mayor Webber Amends Facial Covering Order

CITY OF SANTA FE PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY VIII- COVID-19 Second Amended Facial Covering Order –May 14, 2021

WHEREAS, the City’s “Public Health Protection Ordinance,” Section 10-7 SFCC 1987, requiring facial coverings in public, expires when the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) withdraws its face covering recommendation, as applied to the city;

WHEREAS, yesterday, the CDC revised its facial covering recommendations, no longer recommending facial coverings both indoors and outdoors for vaccinated persons, other than in public transportation, correctional facilities, and homeless shelters;

WHEREAS, the CDC’s recommendation is based, in part, on the increased rate of vaccination in the United States;

WHEREAS, New Mexico leads vaccination efforts in the nation with 62.3% of the State’s eligible population at least partially vaccinated and 51.1% fully vaccinated;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County’s vaccination rates are 70.8 and 56.9 for partially and fully vaccinated residents, respectively;

WHEREAS, the orders issued pursuant to Proclamation VIII included the requirement that facial coverings be worn in public, including outdoors, other than during eating or drinking; and

WHEREAS, the first Amended Facial Covering Order that I issued on April 27, 2021 provided that persons in Santa Fe no longer were required to wear a facial covering in most outdoor circumstances but were required to continue wearing a facial covering in indoor public settings and when attending outdoor ticketed public events, such as concerts and sporting events, except when eating or drinking;

WHEREAS, today, the State of New Mexico announced that it is following the CDC's guidance in reducing its facial covering requirements for vaccinated persons; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe's vaccination rate and the new CDC recommendations support a change to the City's facial covering requirement for vaccinated persons.

THEREFORE, I replace my prior order regarding facial coverings as follows:

Unless a healthcare provider instructs otherwise,

A. persons in Santa Fe must wear a facial covering in health care settings, including but not limited to hospitals, long-term care facilities, and doctors' offices; public transit; homeless shelters, and as required by federal and state, laws, rules, and regulations;

B. local businesses and workplaces may require facial coverings for clients, employees, and customers; and

C. unvaccinated persons must wear facial coverings in indoor public settings and when attending outdoor ticketed public events, such as concerts and sporting events.

These requirements apply except when persons are eating or drinking. As used here, "public setting" means places that are open to the public.

In addition, I continue to encourage all persons in Santa Fe to continue to wear facial coverings when they are around persons whose vaccination statuses are unknown, particularly in indoor, close-contact situations.