



City of Raleigh  
North Carolina

**TERMINATION OF FACE COVERING ORDER**

City of Raleigh  
*February 18, 2022*

**WHEREAS**, on August 13, 2021, in response to the spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19 within the City, an Emergency Proclamation was issued to require the wearing of face coverings within the jurisdiction of the City of Raleigh within certain public or private indoor spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, guidance from health authorities with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and Wake County indicates that the current rate of spread of COVID-19, particularly the Omicron variant, has diminished to a level that suggests the face covering order may be terminated in the near future without significant risk to public health; and

**WHEREAS**, after consultation with Wake County and City of Raleigh staff, I have determined that the public health necessity for the face covering order is diminishing and, based on current trends, the face covering order may be terminated on Friday, February 25.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Raleigh, under Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, Section 1-1051 of the City of Raleigh Code of Ordinances, and as authorized by the Raleigh City Council, I, Mary-Ann Baldwin, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, hereby proclaim and declare the following.

**Section 1. Termination of Face Covering Order.** Upon the effective date of this order, the face covering requirements established in the August 13, 2021 Emergency Proclamation shall be terminated in full.

**Section 2. Continuation of State of Emergency.** Notwithstanding the above, the State of Emergency declared for the City of Raleigh on March 13, 2020, remains in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Effective Date and Time.** This declaration shall take effect at 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 25, 2022.

DECLARED this the 18th day of February, 2022, at 2:05 p.m.

**CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

By: Mary-Ann Baldwin  
Mary-Ann Baldwin  
Mayor

Attest: Gail G. Smith  
Gail G. Smith  
City Clerk

*Prepared by the City Attorney's Office*

