

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Office of the City Administrator

Kevin Donahue  
City Administrator



**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S ORDER**  
**NO. 2022-7**

**DATE:** August 19, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Mask Requirements Inside Certain District Government Buildings and Offices

By virtue of the authority vested in me as City Administrator by section 422(7) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 790; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(7)), and Mayor's Order 2015-036, issued January 9, 2015, and in accordance with section 1 of An Act Making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of such District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and for other purposes, approved June 29, 1937 (50 Stat. 377; D.C. Official Code § 10-507.01), and all other applicable statutory, regulatory, and administrative provisions, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

**I. Mask Requirement in Certain District Government Buildings and Offices**

- A. No person shall enter, be allowed to enter, or remain inside the following District government buildings and offices, unless the person is wearing a mask:
  - 1. Shelters for individuals experiencing homelessness;
  - 2. Correctional facilities; and
  - 3. Facilities and programming sites of the Department of Aging and Community Living.
- B. District agencies may recommend members of the public wear masks in agency offices and areas where there is direct interaction between District government employees and members of the public, such as customer service centers and customer services areas of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, and Department of Human Services.

**II. Exemptions and Imposition of Additional Requirements**

- A. The requirement to wear a mask imposed by this Order shall not apply to:
  - 1. A person who is unable to wear a mask due to a bona fide medical condition or disability, or who is physically unable to remove a mask;
  - 2. A person who is two (2) years old or younger;

3. A person who is actually eating or drinking;
  4. A speaker whose lips are being read by a person who is deaf or hard of hearing;
  5. A person fully vaccinated, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), against COVID-19 and who has received all CDC-recommended booster shots who is giving a speech, or otherwise presenting or providing information, for broadcast to an audience; provided, that an appropriate social distance is maintained between the speaker and other persons;
  6. A person actively working in a job where the equipment required for the job precludes the wearing of a mask and the person is wearing that equipment, or when wearing a mask would endanger public safety; or
  7. A person who has been lawfully asked to remove their mask for facial recognition purposes.
- B.
1. The City Administrator may authorize additional exemptions from the masking requirement imposed by this Order or require the wearing of a mask in a location where wearing a mask is not otherwise required by this Order, if the City Administrator determines there is good cause to authorize the exemption or impose the additional requirement.
  2. An agency director may submit to the City Administrator a request that the City Administrator authorize an exemption or the imposition of an additional requirement under paragraph 1 of this subsection. The agency director’s request shall be in writing and shall describe the basis for the request.
  3. Each exemption or additional requirement authorized under this paragraph shall be posted on the website of the Office of the City Administrator or on the coronavirus.dc.gov website.

### III. **Noncompliance by District Government Employees and Contractors**

- A. Failure of a District government employee to comply with the mask requirement imposed by this Order may, in addition to any other sanction provided by law or regulation, subject the employee to an adverse personnel action as provided in Chapter 16 of Title 6-B of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.
- B. Failure of a District government contractor to comply with the mask requirement imposed by this Order may, in addition to any other sanction provided by law or

regulation, subject the contractor to adverse contract actions, up to and including contract termination.

IV. **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Order, the term “mask” means a mask or face covering that meets the Department of Health guidance available at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance>.

V. **Prior Orders**

This Order supersedes City Administrator’s Order 2022-4, dated June 17, 2022.

VI. **Effective Date and Duration**

This Order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on August 20, 2022, and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on November 25, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Donahue", written over a horizontal line.

**KEVIN DONAHUE  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR**