



**COVID-19 Public Health
INDOOR MASK REQUIREMENT**

Issued: August 5, 2021
Effective Date: August 6, 2021
Expiration Date: Upon further Order

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Public Health Director
Department of Public Health
Village of Oak Park

Pursuant to Village of Oak Park Resolution 20-120 dated March 13, 2020, the Oak Park Village Board declared an emergency affecting the public health due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 disease pursuant to Section 8-10-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/8-10-5, and Sections 2-6-10, 2-27-9 and 20-1-6(Z) of the Oak Park Village Code through April 6, 2020. Said emergency was extended or reinstated as follows: (1) through May 5, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-124; through June 1, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-128 dated April 27, 2020; (2) reinstated on July 27, 2020 through September 14, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-184; (3) reinstated on November 2, 2020 by Village Resolution 20-232 through February 16, 2021; and (4) extended on January 19, 2021 by Village Resolution 20-43 through June 15, 2021. Pursuant to these resolutions and Section 20-1-6(BB) of the Oak Park Village Code, which was adopted by the Village Board on January 19, 2021 by Ordinance 21-8, the Village's Public Health Director has the authority to make "reasonable rules, regulations and orders . . . as may from time to time be deemed necessary . . . due to the outbreak of COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois" which has been extended through November 15, 2021 by Ordinance 21-47.

ORDER

1. The State of Illinois has announced that suburban Cook County, including the Village of Oak Park ("Village"), can move to Phase 5 of Governor JB Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois, effective June 11, 2021 due to twenty-eight (28) days of declining COVID-19 case rates.
2. The Village has experienced a 750% increase in COVID-19 cases in July 2021 as compared to June 2021. Therefore, I have determined that additional mitigation measures are necessary under Phase 5 to protect the public health pursuant to my authority set forth above.
3. **All Businesses and Individuals.**
 - A. All individuals over the age of two (2) and able to medically tolerate a mask, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask while indoors in a common or shared space in the following places: (1) a residential multi-unit building; (2) any non-residential building, which shall include all businesses; (3) health care settings; (4) nursing homes; (5) long-term care

facilities; (6) shelters and other congregate settings; (7) government buildings; and (8) on buses, trains, other forms of public transportation, and in transportation stations or hubs. The requirement to wear a mask includes employees/staff at any place set forth above.

B. Mask refers to a complete and tight-knit fabric or cloth, or medical mask that is appropriately sized for the individual's face to snugly cover the nasal openings and mouth without the necessity of being held in place by the individual's hands.

4. Individuals are not required to wear a mask while actively eating or actively drinking at a common or shared space where food or beverages are permitted to be consumed.

5. If a patron of any establishment set forth in Section 3(A) above fails to wear a mask when required to do so, a staff member of the establishment must ask the patron to wear a mask. If the patron fails to do so, the patron must be requested to leave the premises. Failure to require patrons to wear a mask is a violation of the establishment to operate safely.

6. I recommend that individuals wear a mask outdoors if they are not able to practice social distancing by maintaining at least a six (6) foot distance from other individuals not from the same household. This shall include playgrounds and other recreational spaces.

7. This Order shall supersede and replace my order dated June 11, 2021, titled "COVID-19 Phase 5 Mitigation Order," to the extent that this Order conflicts with any term or condition set forth in my June 11, 2021 order.

8. Nothing contained in this Order is intended to, or shall operate to, supersede any applicable State or federal law, order or rule, and to the extent of any conflict, such State or federal law, order or rule shall be applicable.

9. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

10. A failure to comply with this Order may result in one or all of the following: (1) a charge of Reckless Conduct pursuant to Section 12-5 of the Illinois Criminal Code, 720 ILCS 5/12-5/2, which is a Class A misdemeanor which may result in a sentence of imprisonment up to one year and/or a fine of not less than \$75 not to exceed \$2,500; (2) a charge of a violation of Sections 2(k) and/or Section 8.1 of the Illinois Public Health Act, 20 ILCS 2305/2(k) and 20 ILCS 2305/8), which are also Class A misdemeanors; (3) a violation of Section 20-1-12 of the Oak Park Village Code which is a Class B misdemeanor which may result in a fine of \$750 for each violation; (4) the suspension or revocation of a business license; (5) an order of closure of a business; or (6) a charge of a violation of any other applicable law.

11. This Order shall be in full force and effect until further order.

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