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## NOTICE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER 21-002 RESCINDING ORDER 20-008 REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC INDOOR SPACES IN LIGHT OF NEW CDC GUIDANCE AND EXECUTIVE ORDER D 2021 103

Along with the State of Colorado, Jefferson County Public Health ("JCPH") is working to stop the spread of coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19").

On July 24, 2020, the Executive Director of JCPH issued JCPH Order 20-008 requiring all individuals in Jefferson County, Colorado, to wear face coverings with certain limited exceptions, in an effort to protect and preserve the public health. JCPH Order 20-008 became effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 25, 2020.

On May 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") issued new guidance that fully-vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear a face covering in most situations, including while indoors. However, the CDC continues to recommend that all individuals wear face coverings while in crowded indoor settings regardless of vaccination status.

On May 14, 2021, in response to the new CDC guidance, the Governor of Colorado issued Executive Order D 2021 103, amending and restating previous executive orders requiring individuals in Colorado to wear face coverings in certain settings (the "State Mask Order"). The State Mask Order allows any fully vaccinated individual to go without a face covering in any setting, but maintains face covering requirements for unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated individuals.

Additionally, on May 14, 2021, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment ("CDPHE") issued the Second Amended Public Health Order 20-38, which incorporates the face covering requirements and exemptions for fully vaccinated people contained in the State Mask Order.

As of May 14, 2021, 54.5% of Jefferson County residents eligible to receive a vaccination are fully vaccinated and 10.8% of eligible residents are partially vaccinated. Additionally, 78.4% of those residents aged 60-69 and 94.8% of those residents 70 and older have been fully vaccinated.

Because of the new CDC guidance and resulting orders from the Governor and CDPHE, along with the positive trend in vaccination rates of Jefferson County residents, I hereby rescind JCPH Order 20-008 effective immediately. All individuals and businesses in Jefferson County should follow the face covering requirements set forth in Executive Order D 2021 103, as amended and extended.

This Order immediately rescinds JCPH Order 20-008, which shall have no legal effect.

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