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CITY OF KENNER
STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
NO.: 022 EBZ 2021

**PROMULGATION OF REVISED MITIGATION MEASURES STATE OF
EMERGENCY – CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

- WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Louisiana, in Emergency Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, declared a Public Health Emergency in response to the threat posed by COVID-19; and,
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Charter of the City of Kenner, City of Kenner Code of Ordinances Sec. 6-1, the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, La. R.S. 29:760, et seq., and the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R. S. 29:721, et seq. the Mayor declared, on March 13, 2020, a Public Health Emergency in Proclamation Number 001 EBZ 2020 in response to the threat posed by COVID-19; and,
- WHEREAS,** the original proclamation issued by the Governor was further supplemented on March 14, 2020, March 16, 2020, March 19, 2020, March 22, 2020, March 26, 2020, March 31, 2020, April 30, 2020, May 15, 2020, June 25, 2020, July 23, 2020, August 6, 2020, September 11, 2020, October 8, 2020, November 5, 2020, November 24, 2020, February 9, 2021, March 2, 2021, March 30, 2021, April 27, 2021, May 14, 2021, May 25, 2021, and June 22, 2021, among others, in order to protect the health and safety of the public because the extraordinary threat posed by COVID- 19; and,
- WHEREAS,** on July 27, 2021, Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") released recommendations that all persons, including those who are fully vaccinated, should wear masks in indoor public settings in areas where COVID-19 transmission is high or substantial <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>; and,
- WHEREAS,** the original proclamation issued by the Mayor was supplemented by Proclamation Numbers 002 EBZ 2020, 002 EBZ 2020 Amended, 003 EBZ 2020, 004 EBZ 2020, 05 EBZ 2020, 006 EBZ 2020, 008 EBZ 2020, 010 EBZ 2020, 011 EBZ 2020, 013 EBZ 2020, 015 EBZ 2020, 016 EBZ 2020, 017 EBZ 2020, 020 EBZ 2020, 021 EBZ 2020, 022 EBZ 2020, 001 EBZ 2021, and 002 EBZ 2021, 003 EBZ 2021, 004 EBZ 2021, 005 EBZ 2021, 006 EBZ 2021, 007 EBZ 2021, 008 EBZ 2021, 009 EBZ 2021, 010 EBZ 2021; 011 EBZ 2021, 013 EBZ 2021 and,
- WHEREAS,** on June 22, 2021, the Governor issued Emergency Proclamation No.118 JBE 2021 providing for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Mitigation Measures effective June 23, 2021; and,
- WHEREAS,** on July 21, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 131 JBE 2021 and Proclamation No. 132 JBE 2021, which declared a COVID -19 Public Health Emergency Mitigating measures and an extension of Emergency Provisions due to COVID-19, respectively effective July 21, 2021; and,
- WHEREAS,** on July 23, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 133 JBE 2021 providing COVID -19 Public Health Emergency Mitigation Measures,



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which amended 131 JBE 2021 effective on July 23, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 137 JBE 2021 providing COVID -19 Public Health Emergency Mitigation Measures, Statewide Mask Mandate, which amended 133 JBE 2021 effective on August 4, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 167 JBE 2021 providing COVID -19 Public Health Emergency Mitigation Measures Statewide Mask Mandate, extending the mask mandate, effective from September 1, 2021 to September 29, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 203 JBE 2021, which lifts the statewide face covering requirement for most public settings effective October 27, 2021 in response to a reduction in the number of cases, test percent positivity, and hospitalizations in the State of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2021, Mayor Zahn issued Proclamation No. 019 EBZ 2021 was issued, which terminated the Mask Mandate; and

WHEREAS, the Omicron variant is estimated to account for the majority of new COVID-19 cases in the United States, and threatens to reverse progress previously made regarding the number of cases, test percent positivity, and hospitalizations; and,

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 234 JBE 2021, which extended the State of Louisiana's COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and modifies the mitigations measures to permit state agencies and department heads to implement a face covering policy which may include a face covering requirement for employees and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, testing demand and percent positivity continue to increase and to preserve the health of citizens as well as employees who provide essential services to the residents of the City of Kenner and we must do all that we can to ensure a safe place to work, and in response to these changing circumstances, it is necessary to revise the existing COVID-19 mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, these measures are necessary to protect the health and safety of the people of the City of Kenner.

NOW THEREFORE, I, E. "Ben" Zahn III, Mayor of the City of Kenner, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter of the City of Kenner, City of Kenner Code of Ordinances, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, and any other acts which may prevail, do hereby order and as follows:

SECTION 1: In addition to any settings or situations where face masks or face coverings are required by order of Governor John Bel Edwards, and in Jefferson Parish, face masks or face coverings shall be worn in the following situations:

- Upon entering and while present in common areas of the City of Kenner's government buildings, including any building where the City of Kenner is conducting its government business, (which includes those entering and while present in the former Macy's Building, located at 1401 W. Esplanade Avenue, Kenner, LA).
- Upon entering and while present on any public transportation or paratransit vehicles.

SECTION 2: The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face mask/covering under the provisions of this order:

- 1) Persons under two years of age. These very young children must not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.
- 2) Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering



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- could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
- 3) Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
 - 4) Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
 - 5) Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
 - 6) Persons who are exercising their right to vote in a federal, state, or local election.

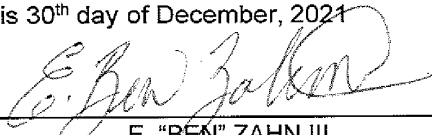
SECTION 3

The Mayor of the City of Kenner may enact special screening and entry measures at any City of Kenner facility, event or location, to include, but not be limited to: erecting signage and special instructions, markings, barriers, screening measures, including temperature checks, and other reasonable methods or in accordance with CDC and LDH guidance. All visitors to City of Kenner facilities will be required to comply with these measures in order to gain access to and remain within public facilities or events operated by the City of Kenner. Furthermore, employees of the City of Kenner will be required to comply with testing measures outlined by the Human Resources Department enacted to protect public health and safety.

SECTION 4

Unless otherwise provided in this order, these provisions are effective from December 30, 2021 until January 28th, 2022, as extended by any subsequent Proclamation, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Kenner, State of Louisiana, at Kenner, Louisiana, on this 30th day of December, 2021



E. "BEN" ZAHN III
Mayor of the City of Kenner

