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NOTICE OF RULES

BY: Dr. Desmar Walkes, Health Authority.

ADOPTION DATE:

The Health Authority adopted the following rules as authorized by Ordinance No. 20201203-043. This notice is issued as required in Ordinance No. 20201203-043.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULES

The rules adopted by this notice are **effective on August 12, 2021** and **expire on December 10, 2021** unless the rules are withdrawn or amended.

SUMMARY OF RULES

This rule governs public schools, including public charter schools in the City of Austin; and impose a requirement reasonably necessary to protect public health related to the transmission of COVID-19.

TEXT OF THE RULES

See Exhibit A attached to this Notice of Rules Adoption.

RULES ARE NECESSARY

The Health Authority finds that the rules attached to this notice are reasonably necessary to protect the health of persons within the City. Specifically, these rules are necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to protect public health.

AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULES

The authority and procedure to adopt these rules is established in Ordinance No. 20201203-043.

CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY

By signing this Notice of Rules, the City Attorney certifies the City Attorney has reviewed the rules and finds that adoption of these rules is a valid exercise of the Health Authority and City Manager's authority.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED


Date: 8-11-2021
Dr. Desmar Walkes, Health Authority


Date: 8-11-2021
Spencer Cronk, City Manager


Anne L. Morgan, City Attorney

Date: 8/11/21

HEALTH AUTHORITY RULES

August 12, 2021



1. Expectations and Definitions.

1.1. Community Expectations

- 1.1.1. An individual who is not fully vaccinated will continue to wear face coverings, keep at least three feet of physical distance from other individuals, and avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.
- 1.1.2. An individual who is fully vaccinated will continue to wear face coverings and, to the extent feasible, keep at least three feet of physical distance from other individuals when the risk of transmission to those who are not fully vaccinated is significant.
- 1.1.3. A person in control of a site is encouraged to support and provide incentives for workers and patrons to obtain the vaccine to reduce the risk to those who are unable to receive the vaccine, including children under the age of 12.
- 1.1.4. Nothing in these rules prevents a person in control of a site from requiring additional precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

1.2. Definitions.

- A. AUSTIN PUBLIC HEALTH'S RISK-BASED CHART means the chart attached as Exhibit 1 to this rule.
- B. FACE COVERING means a form of covering that fits snugly over their nose and mouth, such as a commercially made or homemade fabric mask, scarf, bandana.
- C. SCHOOL means all public schools, including public charter schools in the City of Austin.

2. Face Covering Applicable to School.

- 2.1. Students, staff, and visitors over the age of two are required to wear a face covering while on school property or school buses during Stages 3, 4, and 5 as set forth in Austin Public Health's Risk-Based Chart. In this section, school means all public schools, including public charter schools in the City of Austin.
- 2.2. A principal, the responsible staff member, or administrator of the students may determine when it is not appropriate to require students, staff, and visitors to wear a face covering.
- 2.3. Compliance with this Order is reliant on self-regulation and a community commitment to public health and safety under the threat of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Risk-Based Chart — Vaccinated

* Please continue following additional requirements of local businesses, venues and schools regardless of vaccination status or stage. Schools, hospitals, and long term living centers follow CDC and APH guidelines—or—the regulatory agency’s policy.



	Private Gatherings* With People Outside Your Household				Travel*		Dining*		Shopping*	
	Indoor		Outdoor		Low-Risk	High-Risk	Low-Risk	High-Risk	Low-Risk	High-Risk
	Low-Risk	High-Risk	Low-Risk	High-Risk						
Stage 1										
Stage 2										
Stage 3										
Stage 4										
Stage 5						Only if essential	Indoors +	Outdoors		Outdoors/ Takeaway/ Curbside



Mask optional, continue washing hands and other hygiene precautions



Not recommended at all, with or without masks



Take prevention measures: wear a mask, wash your hands and social distance following CDC guidelines



Places that require vaccines and masks may pose a lower risk.

COVID-19 Risk-Based Chart — Partly Vaccinated or Unvaccinated

* Please continue following additional requirements of local businesses, venues and schools regardless of vaccination status or stage. Schools, hospitals, and long term living centers follow CDC and APH guidelines—or—the regulatory agency’s policy.

	Private Gatherings* With People Outside Your Household		Travel*	Dining*	Shopping*
	Indoor	Outdoor			
Stage 1					
Stage 2					
Stage 3	 If high risk: avoid unless essential	 If high risk: avoid unless essential	 If high risk: avoid unless essential	 If high risk: avoid unless essential	 If high risk: avoid unless essential
Stage 4			Only if essential	Takeaway/ Curbside	Only if essential
Stage 5				Takeaway/ Curbside	Takeaway/ Curbside

Exhibit A



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