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City of Benicia Takes Action to Require Face Coverings in Indoor Public Places

Benicia, CA (August 25, 2021) — At Tuesday evening's Benicia City Council meeting, Council Members voted 5-0 in support of a resolution requiring that each person, aged 4 years and over, wear a face covering when in any indoor or enclosed space open to the public within the City of Benicia.

The action comes following a late July recommendation issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that fully vaccinated people wear coverings in public indoor settings, in addition to guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health recommending fully vaccinated people wear face coverings in indoor public settings statewide.

The Resolution notes that in early August 2021, health officers in the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma and the City of Berkeley announced a mask mandate requiring every resident to wear a face mask indoors in public settings, regardless of vaccination status.

"Benicia Council Members felt the current surge of the COVID-19 Delta Variant warranted such action in Benicia to help reduce the increase in COVID-19 cases," said Erik Upson, City Manager, who also stressed the importance of getting vaccinated. "The health and safety of the public is our top priority and we continue to encourage all our residents and staff to do their part and get vaccinated."

Benicia City Council will review the resolution after six weeks.

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Attached:

- Benicia City Council Resolution 21-88 (also available at <https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/announcements>)
- Indoor Mask Requirement Flyer for businesses.