

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has endangered public health, contributed to or caused the deaths of at least 65 Appletonians, and significantly disrupted lives and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, mitigation strategies such as the use of face coverings and physical distancing have served as critical tools in limiting transmission of the virus in the absence of widely-available and effective vaccines; and

WHEREAS, vaccines have become widely available through local hospital systems, health clinics, pharmacies, and community clinics such as the Fox Cities COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic where, as of May 13, 2021, over 31,000 doses had been administered; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), currently authorized vaccines are highly effective against symptomatic and severe COVID-19, and evidence suggests that “fully vaccinated people are less likely to have asymptomatic infection or transmit SARS-CoV-2 to others;” and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2021, the CDC issued new guidance for fully vaccinated people, stating that “risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection is minimal for fully vaccinated people,” noting that “fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including workplace guidance;” and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends prevention measures for unvaccinated people, including continued use of face coverings, physical distancing, frequent handwashing/sanitizing, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces; and

WHEREAS, Appleton’s current case indicators of burden (case rate) and trajectory (percent case change) have been improving for several weeks, resulting in reduced COVID-19 activity levels in the City of Appleton; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has been a continuously evolving situation requiring responsiveness to changing recommendations and data.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do urge residents to adhere to the updated CDC guidelines on the use of face coverings/masks, noting that businesses, organizations, educational institutions and districts, and local jurisdictions are within their rights, or may be required, to continue to have specific face covering/mask requirements in place.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all vaccine-eligible people are encouraged to seek and obtain a COVID-19 vaccine to protect themselves and their community from further transmission, illness, and death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Proclamation supersedes Proclamation #46-17.2 regarding the universal use of face coverings in the City of Appleton.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all community members are encouraged to treat one another with dignity, respect, and kindness, recognizing that the pandemic and its associated hardships have affected each person differently.



Signed and sealed this 14th day of May 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacob A. Woodford', is written over a horizontal line.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON