

**FOURTEENTH ADDENDUM TO 8th DECLARATION OF
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19**

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020 the 8th Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency was issued by Mayor Ron Nirenberg; and

WHEREAS, that Declaration essentially adopted and acknowledged Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Orders and the protocols established by the Strike Force to Open Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council indefinitely extended the 8th Declaration on June 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Bexar County District Court Judge Toni Arteaga granted the City of San Antonio and Bexar County a temporary restraining order to prevent enforcement of the governor's latest emergency order on August 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued its initial Order to Temporarily Halt Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19 that prohibited residential evictions of covered persons for nonpayment of rent, which was subsequently extended by congress through January 31, 2021, by the CDC through March 31, 2021 and again by the CDC through June 30th, 2021, and subsequently extended it to October 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2021 the CDC issued an Order on Requirement for Persons to Wear Masks While on Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs which was effective on February 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. and will remain in effect unless modified or rescinded based on specific public health or other considerations, or until the Secretary of Health and Human Services rescinds the determination that a public health emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus has caused an exponential increase in cases and strained area hospitals with a 1,237 7-day average of new cases as of August 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2021 the CDC issued updated masking guidelines in areas with high numbers of COVID-19 cases, which includes Bexar County, to recommend that all persons, vaccinated and unvaccinated, wear a mask indoors, in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

NOW THEREFORE:

1. **Face Masks.** All passengers on public conveyances (e.g., airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, ride-shares) traveling into, within, or out of the United States, all conveyance operators, including crew, drivers, conductors, and other workers involved in the operation of conveyances, all operators of transportation hubs, including the San Antonio International Airport and any other area that provides transportation in the United States, shall comply with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Order on Requirement For Persons To Wear Masks While On Public

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Conveyances And At Transportation Hubs, published in the federal register and effective February 1, 2021.

Please visit the City of San Antonio COVID-19 website for additional information and helpful hints on the most effective way to use face masks.

The City of San Antonio acknowledges and supports the directives of both the City Manager requiring the use of face masks by City employees and visitors to City facilities and the San Antonio Bexar County Health Authority requiring the use of face masks by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status and as permitted by court order.

2. **Long-term Care Facilities and Dialysis Facilities.** People may visit nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities as determined through guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, long-term care facilities and dialysis facilities should follow infection control policies and practices set forth by HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities whenever possible. Long-term care facilities and dialysis facilities should follow all additional CDC guidance to take proactive steps to protect the health of residents and preserve the health care workforce by identifying and excluding potentially infected staff members, conducting visitation consistent with the Texas Governor's executive orders, any applicable declaration of the Mayor of San Antonio and any Executive Order of the Bexar County Judge, ensuring early recognition of potentially infected patients, and implementing appropriate infection control measures.
3. **Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions.** A landlord, owner of residential property, or other person with legal right to pursue eviction or possessory action shall comply with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Order for Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19, published in the Federal Register on September 4, 2020 "CDC Order, and subsequently extended, for those Covered persons within the CDC Order. Pursuant to the CDC's Order, failure to comply may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.
4. **Further Actions as Necessary.** Significant escalation in one or more of the Local Progress and Warning Indicators identified by the COVID-19 Community Response Coalition such as the number of daily cases, the need for case investigators and contact tracers, the number of patients hospitalized, in ICU, or on ventilators due to COVID-19 related complications, the Total Case Double Time, the COVID-19 weekly positivity rate (i.e., the percentage of lab tests that are positive for COVID-19), and the STRAC Health System Score may require the strengthening or addition of mitigation measures.

The San Antonio Metro Health District will work with other community stakeholders to monitor the above criteria which have been identified as key factors to evaluate the effectiveness of control measures to mitigate spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Additionally, State health indicators, including the transmission of COVID-19, and the number of COVID-19-related hospitalizations and fatalities will be monitored and taken into consideration.

5. **Severability**. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Declaration are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Declaration should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Declaration are severable.
6. **Enforcement**. In accordance with the limitations contained in this Declaration, any peace officer or other person with lawful authority is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Declaration in accordance with the authority granted under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975.



MAYOR RON NIRENBERG
City of San Antonio, Texas

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