HEALTH COMMISSIONER’S ORDER NO. 11

This Order No. 11 supplements previous Health Commissioner’s Orders No. 9 and 10 and shall become effective at 7 a.m. on July 3, 2020. This Order No. 11 will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by me.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends wearing a cloth face covering in public; and

WHEREAS, face coverings offer some protection against large infectious droplets spread when a person sneezes, coughs or talks; and

WHEREAS, face coverings also help prevent those who may not know they are infected from spreading the virus to others; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis-area pandemic task force, made up of the area’s largest hospital systems, strongly encourages everyone to wear face coverings while indoors;

Therefore, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. All individuals age 9 and older in the City of St. Louis are be required to wear face coverings when inside public facilities, public transportation vessels and outside when social distancing is not possible.

2. Exceptions are recognized for:
   (i) People who have respiratory conditions or breathing trouble;

   (ii) People who have been instructed by a medical or behavioral health professional not to wear face coverings;

   (iii) People who are seated in a restaurant or bar and are actively engaged in consuming food or drink while adequately distanced from other patrons;

   (iv) People who have disabilities that:
       • Prevent them from wearing or taking off face coverings.
       • Prevent them from communicating while wearing face coverings.
BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 14-C (C) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AND BY 19 CSR 20-20.050 (C) OF THE CODE OF STATE REGULATIONS, AND AFTER THE ABOVE-REFERENCED CRITERIA HAVE BEEN MET, I HEREBY ISSUE THE ORDER ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE GRADUAL REOPENING OF THE CITY.

SO ORDERED:

Date: July 2, 2020

Fredrick Echols, M.D.
Director of Health & Hospitals/Health Commissioner

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