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**Emergency Executive Order 21-07**

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY VISITING PUBLIC FACE COVERING POLICY**

**PURPOSE:**

Snohomish County is committed to maintaining an environment that protects the health and safety of its employees, maintains essential governmental functions, and fosters the public health during the COVID-19 pandemic in Snohomish County. This policy sets forth the COVID-19 face covering requirements for members of the public visiting Snohomish County operated facilities.

**DISCUSSION:**

With the wide availability of vaccinations and consistent with guidance from the CDC, except when in healthcare settings, correctional institutions, homeless shelters, schools, or on mass transit conveyances, face coverings are no longer mandatory in Washington State for individuals that are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Through the Secretary of Health Order 20-03.2 and Proclamation 20-25.23 amending Proclamation 20-25, fully vaccinated individuals in Washington State may discontinue wearing a face covering and physically distancing indoors and outdoors.

Although significant progress has been made in preventing the continued spread of the COVID-19 virus, the virus still poses a potent threat to unvaccinated members of the community as well as our employees. Face coverings have been and will continue to be a proven method of reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Pursuant to Chapter 38.52 RCW and SCC 2.36, the County Executive has broad authority to issue, amend, or rescind orders on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by COVID-19.

**ACTION:**

Effective June 22, 2021, except for in healthcare settings, correctional institutions, homeless shelters, schools, or on mass transit conveyances, fully vaccinated members of the public visiting County operated facilities are not required to wear face coverings or physically distance themselves from others.

Although optional, fully vaccinated members of the public visiting County operated facilities are encouraged to continue to wear face coverings and physically distance themselves if they prefer.

Unvaccinated members of the public visiting County operated facilities are required to wear face coverings and physically distance themselves from others.

Except as noted above, Snohomish County employees shall not request or require information from the visiting public concerning their vaccination status or face covering use.

**CANCELLATION:**

This Emergency Executive Order will remain in effect until cancelled, suspended, or upon the Executive's issuance of a proclamation declaring an end to the Emergency, whichever shall occur first.

Dated this 21st day of June, 2021

**APPROVED:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Somers", is written over a horizontal line.

Dave Somers  
Snohomish County Executive