



**City of Hinesville News Release**

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**City Reinstates Face Mask Requirement for its Facilities**

*COVID-19 Numbers on the Rise; Residents Encouraged to Follow Safety Protocols*

**HINESVILLE, Ga. (July 23, 2021)** – Due to the significant increase in local COVID-19 numbers, the City of Hinesville will reinstate its face mask requirement for employees and visitors inside its buildings and facilities. Additionally, the City will reinstate temperature screenings and streamline the entrance and exit for those visiting City Hall, located at 115 E. M. L. King, Jr. Dr. These changes will go into effect beginning Monday, July 26.

The move to reinstate some of its COVID-19 safety procedures rests upon the guidance of local public health officials who noted that [Liberty County's Community Transmission Index](#) is now three times higher than what it was three weeks ago. Health officials believe that the rise in local numbers may be attributed to gatherings spurred by the Independence Day holiday.

With several community events on the horizon, the City encourages event organizers to review the CDC's guidelines for outdoor gatherings. Some of the recommendations outlined, include:

- making face masks available;
- providing hand washing or hand sanitization stations;
- and, encouraging safe distancing.

Assembly permits for events will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and event organizers are encouraged to list COVID-19 mitigation efforts when submitting an application.

"We all have a role to play in protecting ourselves, our family and our community from COVID-19," City Manager Kenneth Howard said. "As our community continues to grapple with this pandemic, I encourage everyone to be vigilant. Please consider getting vaccinated and adhering to the CDC's safety guidelines."

If you are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccination, please contact the [Liberty County Health Department](#) or [Diversity Health Center](#). The COVID-19 vaccination is free and available to residents age 12 years and older.

As the COVID-19 pandemic is fluid and everchanging, the City will continue to monitor its impacts on the community and adjust accordingly.

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**ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:**

The City of Hinesville was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to over 35,000 people. For more information, visit [cityofhinesville.org](http://cityofhinesville.org).