



City of Hinesville News Release
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Mayor Brown Signs Emergency Order Amid COVID-19 Resurgence *Additional Guidance Provided for Face Coverings and Community Gatherings*

HINESVILLE, Ga. (August 19, 2021) – Tonight, Mayor Allen Brown signed an [emergency order](#) outlining mitigation efforts to help slow the spread of COVID-19 within the city of Hinesville. This emergency order comes on the heels of a sharp increase in the community’s transmission index, which now rests around 800 coronavirus cases per 100,000 residents.

“According to our local public health officials, our community is in a dire situation with our COVID-19 Community Transmission Index now being the highest its ever been,” Mayor Brown said. “This surge called for quick and immediate action.”

The emergency order requires all persons, regardless of their vaccination status, within the city limits to wear a face covering or mask in City-owned buildings and facilities, when attending a City-permitted event (indoor and outdoor) and while riding federally regulated transportation options, including Liberty Transit.

Additionally, all restaurants, retail stores, grocery stores and pharmacies in the city are strongly encouraged to require employees wear a face covering or mask, while having face-to-face interactions with the public. The emergency order further outlines that anyone entering a commercial establishment in the city is strongly advised to wear a face covering.

The emergency order states that any person who is unable to safely wear a face covering or mask due to age or an underlying health condition is exempt from the order. Those who are unable to remove a face covering or mask without assistance of others are also exempt from the order.

Face coverings are not required in the following circumstances:

- When a person is alone in an enclosed space or only with other household members;
- During physical activity, provided the active person maintains a minimum of 6 feet from other people with whom they do not cohabitate;
- While drinking, eating or smoking;
- When wearing a face covering causes or aggravates a health condition;
- When wearing a face covering would prevent the receipt of personal services; and,
- When a person is 10 years of age or younger.

The order will go into effect at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 6.



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During tonight's Hinesville City Council meeting, guidance was also provided on assembly permits, which are submitted by event organizers and approved by the City for community gatherings within the city limits involving 50 or more people. The City Council voted to suspend the approval of any new assembly permits for the next two weeks, the same time frame that the emergency order is in effect. For previously approved assembly permits, the City is requiring that event organizers submit a COVID-19 mitigation plan, complete with methods for providing face coverings and masks and standing up sanitization stations.

As the COVID-19 pandemic is fluid and ever changing, the City, with guidance from the City Council, will continue to monitor this virus's impact on the community. Additional measures may be taken to protect the community and the emergency order may be extended.

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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.