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As COVID Cases Rise, South Fulton Adopts Emergency Mask Ordinance for Public Places

(City of South Fulton, GA – Aug. 10, 2021) – As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to climb in Georgia and across the nation, City of South Fulton officials today adopted an emergency ordinance requiring people – regardless of vaccination status – to wear masks in public places, including stores, schools, restaurants and other buildings and public spaces.

The temporary mandate is effective immediately. Council members also heard the first reading of a more permanent version of the ordinance, which will come before the body for approval after a second reading on Aug. 24.

“Across the nation and here in the metro area, we’ve seen a significant resurgence in the number of COVID cases among those who have not been vaccinated,” said Mayor William “Bill” Edwards. “Wear your masks a little bit longer. Please get vaccinated if you have not done so already. You’ll ensure your own safety and the wellbeing of others.”

The emergency measure – which is not applicable on private property or in private vehicles – provides some key exceptions. It excludes children 10 years old and younger as well as those unable to safely wear face coverings because of age, underlying medical conditions or an inability to remove masks without the assistance of others. The order also does not apply to times when people are eating or drinking in public businesses.

Those with conditions where licensed healthcare providers have determined wearing facial coverings aggravates the conditions are exempt as are those with bona fide religious objections to wearing a mask. Penalties for violating the ordinance include fines of \$25 for a first offense and a \$50 for each subsequent violation.

The ordinance does not supersede any state or federal orders. You can learn more in the news section of the city’s website at www.cityofsouthfultonga.gov.

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About the City of South Fulton

Home to more than 100,000 residents, the City of South Fulton is Georgia's fifth-largest city. It covers more than 85 square miles and features both urban and rural landscapes with the most undeveloped land on metro Atlanta's southern side. Incorporated on May 1, 2017, South Fulton is among Georgia's youngest and fast-growing cities – on the rise and recognized as the place you want to be. Learn more, download our smartphone app and connect with us on social media at cityofsouthfultonga.gov.