

**CITY OF LAUREL
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**



**CRAIG A. MOE
MAYOR**

Executive Order No. 2021-08

Subject: *Continued State of Public Health Emergency COVID-19* **Effective Date:** May 25, 2021

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the powers granted to me by Section 2-176 and Section 2-177 of the Laurel City Code, I, Craig A. Moe, Mayor of the City of Laurel have declared a State of Public Health Emergency in the City of Laurel due to an outbreak of disease (COVID-19) which does constitute an imminent threat to the health, safety and welfare of the City and its citizens;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States proclaimed that the COVID- 19 outbreak in the United States constituted a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the Governor of the State of Maryland declared a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the State of Maryland to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 and these emergency declarations continue; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, on March 11, 2020, announced that the COVID-19 outbreak can be characterized as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County, Maryland previously issued the following emergency declarations: Executive Order Number 6-2020 dated March 16, 2020; Executive Order Number 7-2020 dated April 13, 2020; CR-31-2020 adopted May 11, 2020; Executive Order Number 8-2020 dated May 14, 2020; Executive Order Number 10-2020 dated May 28, 2020; CR-51-2020 adopted June 9, 2020; Executive Order Number 13-2020 dated June 12, 2020; Executive Order Number 15-2020 dated June 25, 2020 and CR-64-2020 adopted July 7, 2020; Executive Order Number 20-2020 dated September 3, 2020; CR-90-101 adopted September 15, 2020; CR-101-2020 adopted October 13, 2020; CR-125-2020 adopted November 17, 2020; and Executive Order 27-2020 dated December 15, 2020; CR-02-2021 adopted January 12, 2021; Executive Order 3-2021 dated January 26, 2021; CR-13-2021 adopted February 16, 2021; Executive Order 8-2021 adopted March 11, 2021; CR-33-2021 adopted March 30, 2021; CR-48-2021 adopted May 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County and the City of Laurel, Maryland has been and continues to be severely impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, as of May 14, 2021, the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the County is 84,170 cases, with approximately 8524 hospitalizations and approximately 1455 deaths; and

WHEREAS, based upon reported data analysis as of May 13, 2021, the County's infection rate is .8, its positivity rate is 3.0%, the average daily case rate is 8.7 per 100,000 residents and the number of inpatients with COVID-19 in County hospitals accounts for approximately 7% of total hospital capacity; and

WHEREAS, the metrics have exponentially declined in the last two weeks and have been in steady decline of the last four weeks: (1) the positivity rate decreased from 4.1 to 3.0 in five days (previously it took 10 days to one point); (2) the average daily case rate has shown a five point drop from 14.2 to 8.7; (3) the infection rate had a .1 drop from .9 to .8; and (4) hospitalizations, which can trail behind other metrics, has had a steady decline for the last two week; and

WHEREAS, as of May 13, 2021, approximately 636,771 County residents have received a vaccine dose and 284,568 have completed the vaccine series; and

WHEREAS, the County's health care system continues to need resources to effectively combat this emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent threat to the health, safety and welfare of County and City residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel previously issued Executive Order No. 2021-06 effective on March 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel located within Prince George's County, Maryland has also seen a decrease in the number of positive cases of COVID-19 and after consultation with the City of Laurel Health Officer has advised us to align Laurel's directives and Orders with Prince George's County, and in order to continue to reduce the threat to human health, to protect and save lives, it is necessary and reasonable to implement the following measures to ensure public safety and welfare of all persons in the City of Laurel effective May 25, 2021 at 5:00 pm:

I. Except as otherwise stated in this Executive Order, the City of Laurel will follow the directives of the Prince George's County, Maryland Executive Order No. 11-2021 and the directives of the Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, Number 21-05-12-01, dated May 12, 2021.

II. Face coverings will be required in all indoor public facilities/establishments until otherwise directed by either the Mayor via an executive order.

III. The directives set forth herein will be enforced by the Prince George's County Health Department, City of Laurel Police Department and the City of Laurel Office of the Fire Marshal and Permit Services staff, as needed.

IV. Prince George's County and the City of Laurel will conduct scheduled and unscheduled inspections of retail, restaurant and business establishments to check for compliance with this Order. Non-compliance with this Order may subject the owner and/or operator to a civil fine not exceeding \$1,000 pursuant to the Prince George's County Code and/or the Laurel City Code or other penalty as authorized by State law or regulation and may subject the establishments to closure pursuant to the legal authority of the Health Officer or other legal authority.

VI. This Emergency Order supersedes Executive Order No. 2021-06.

VII. This Executive Order shall remain in effect Until further notice or this Executive Order has been amended or rescinded.

VIII. If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of the Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are severable.

The City will continue to re-evaluate conditions on a daily basis. Other City actions that will also be taken are listed below:

Since March 30, 2020 the following applied in the City of Laurel and those listed below shall remain in effect.:

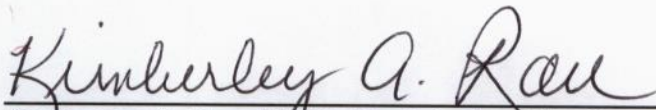
Face Masks are required when entering and conducting business in all City buildings and facilities.

Attachment: Prince George's County Executive Order No. 11-2021



Craig A. Moe
Mayor

Received and filed May 25, 2021:



Kimberley A. Rau, MMC, Clerk to the City Council