



**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF A
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
LIFTING RESTRICTIONS IN COUNTY OWNED AND OPERATED FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of North Carolina declared a State of Emergency to coordinate the State's response and protective actions to address the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") public health emergency and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County issued several Supplemental Declarations of a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, over recent weeks in Jackson County, due to the measures taken to date by the State of North Carolina and by Jackson County, there have been improvements in Jackson County's key COVID-19 metrics; and

WHEREAS, the county is experiencing lower rates of the percent of emergency department visits that are due to COVID-like illness, the number of COVID-19 daily diagnoses, the percent of total COVID-19 tests that are positive, and the number of COVID-19 associated hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines are now widely available at no cost to all eligible North Carolinians who wish to receive one, and all eligible Jackson County residents are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated and boosted; and

WHEREAS, due to the totality of the enhanced knowledge and circumstances, the Face Covering and social distance requirements in County Owned and Operated Facilities should be lifted in most settings.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Emergency Management Ordinance for the County of Jackson I hereby declare:

1. Jackson County remains under a State of Emergency as declared on March 16, 2020 and as declared in a Superseding Declaration of a Local State of Emergency on May 7, 2020. Jackson County remains subject to all of the Governor's Executive Orders.
2. In accordance with guidance from the State of North Carolina the order requiring the wearing of Face Coverings and social distancing when entering the public space of a Jackson County owned facility or facility operated by Jackson County is hereby rescinded and is now optional.
3. The CDC and public health recommendations confirm that unvaccinated people put themselves at great risk if they do not wear Face Coverings and social distance in recommended settings and it is therefore strongly encouraged that unvaccinated people continue to wear Face Coverings and social distance.

Should any provision hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of any competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of this Declaration that as a whole or any part thereof which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Clerk to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners and (c) to be posted on the County's website (d) to be sent to the Department of Public Safety's WebEOC critical incident management system (e) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

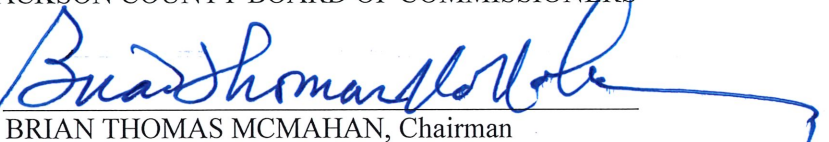
All of the terms and conditions of that said Local State of Emergency declared on March 16, 2020 and the Superseding Declaration of a Local State of Emergency declared on May 7, 2020 remain in full force and effect.

This Supplemental Declaration of Local State of Emergency Lifting Restrictions in County Owned and Operated Facilities for Jackson County shall begin on March 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm and shall remain in effect unless terminated or modified as long as the Jackson County Local State of Emergency remains in force and effect.

Adopted this the 1st day of March, 2022 at 6:00 pm.



JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: 
BRIAN THOMAS MCMAHAN, Chairman

Attest: 
ANGELA M. WINCHESTER, Clerk to the Board