Healthcare Facility Notice/Order
For Immediate Release

TO: All licensed Nursing facilities in Louisiana
    Adult Day Care (ADC) Providers
    Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Providers
    PACE Providers
    All licensed Adult Residential Care Providers in Louisiana
    All licensed Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with
    Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD)^1
    All licensed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs)
    All licensed Therapeutic Group Homes in Louisiana

FROM: LDH Office of Public Health
    Joseph Kanter, MD, MPH
    State Health Officer

RE: Release and Termination of Emergency Order
    Universal Masking Requirements

DATE: November 17, 2021

The five Emergency Orders concerning universal masking requirements issued to
the above-listed facility types, signed and dated on July 26, 2021 and/or July 27, 2021,
are hereby released and terminated, effective as of 8:00 a.m. on November 19, 2021.

The above-listed facility types should continue to adhere to the face
covering/masking requirements and guidance of applicable federal authorities, as
amended, including but not necessarily limited to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
Services (CMS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Occupational
Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Facilities should monitor the relevant pages
of the websites of those three agencies (https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-
Information/Emergency/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page
https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus) for applicable requirements/guidance and updates
thereof. Particular attention should be given to CDC’s Interim Infection Prevention and

^1 These facilities are also known as “intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities.”

Facilities required to be certified by the Joint Commission should adhere to the face covering/masking requirements and guidance issued thereby and should monitor relevant pages of their website (https://www.jointcommission.org/covid-19/) for updates thereto.

The State Health Officer and the LDH Office of Public Health strongly recommend that universal masking be maintained in health care settings except in those circumstances or situations where CDC guidance expressly states that masking is not necessary.

Signed in New Orleans, Louisiana on November 17, 2021.

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Concurrence:

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LDH Secretary