TO: All Health Care Facilities Licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health (including Hospitals)

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

RE: Release and Termination of Emergency Order(s)
Face Covering/Masking Requirements

DATE: November 18, 2021

All outstanding Emergency Orders concerning face covering/masking requirements issued by the State Health Officer to or concerning the above-listed facility types, including but not limited to the Order signed on and dated April 27, 2021, are hereby released and terminated, effective as of 8:00 a.m. on November 19, 2021.


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 18, 2021.

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Concurrence:

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LDH Secretary

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