

EXECUTIVE ORDER 22-01

January 20, 2022

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor of the Town of Morristown by law, I hereby issue this Executive Order. It shall be kept on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and Business Administrator and will be made available upon request. It shall also be posted on the Town's website.

WHEREAS, in December of 2021, Covid-19 presented a threat to the public health of the residents of the Town of Morristown; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown experienced a dangerous spike in Covid-19 cases due to the Omicron variant; and

WHEREAS, medical experts expected Covid-19 cases to rise; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommended individuals use face coverings and maintain a six (6) feet distance from other individuals in order to slow the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect residents from Covid-19 and on the recommendations of medical experts, the Town of Morristown issued Executive Order 21-02; and

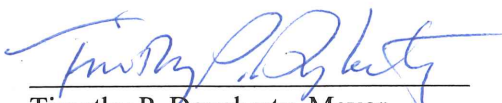
WHEREAS, months after the surge, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has suggested that the Covid-19 variant cases have declined; and

WHEREAS, the transmission rate for Covid-19 has dropped below 1.0 within the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is no longer necessary to mandate a face covering requirement within businesses and venues in the Town of Morristown; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, TIMOTHY P. DOUGHERTY, Mayor of the Town of Morristown, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the New Jersey Constitution and the Statutes of the State of New Jersey, do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT** the following:

1. Executive Order 21-02 is hereby rescinded, effective immediately.
2. It is recommended that all businesses and venues located in the Town of Morristown, that are open to the public, require staff and encourage customers (or visitors) to wear face coverings or face shields over their nose and mouth while inside the establishment when in the presence of others (within six feet); and
3. The face covering recommendation of this Executive Order does not apply to the following persons: young children under age 2; a person with a disability who cannot wear a face covering or cannot safely wear a face covering for reasons related to the disability; a person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidance; a person while eating or drinking inside any establishment that serves food or beverages; and
4. This Executive Order shall remain in effect indefinitely.



Timothy P. Dougherty, Mayor
Town of Morristown