



**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-24**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COCONINO COUNTY  
RESCINDING THE COCONINO COUNTY FACE COVERING PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311, which remains in effect, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with COVID-19 have a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 can cause severe medical complications, including pneumonia, organ failure, and acute respiratory distress syndrome among others, and lead to death in some people; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is spread when an infected person breathes out droplets and very small particles containing the virus that are then inhaled by others or otherwise taken in through the eyes, nose, or mouth;

**WHEREAS**, because of the method of transmission of the virus, the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors issued a Face Covering Proclamation on June 17, 2020, which was then revised on July 1, 2020, which generally required those present in the County to wear a face covering while present in public, whether indoors or outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2021, after the development and approval of the COVID-19 vaccine, Coconino County began a vaccination program to promote and distribute the COVID-19 vaccine to eligible residents of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, as of May 21, 2021, over 70,000 people in Coconino County have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and approximately 48% of the County's population is fully vaccinated; and

**WHEREAS**, due to mitigation efforts and the widely available vaccine, new cases of COVID-19 continue to decline; and

**WHEREAS**, an ever-growing body of evidence shows that the COVID-19 vaccines currently available throughout the County reduce the risk of COVID-19, including severe illness, by 90% or more in fully vaccinated people; and

**WHEREAS**, vaccine effectiveness studies also show that COVID-19 vaccines also provide protection against COVID-19 infections without symptoms and reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 to others; and

**WHEREAS**, because of this evidence, on May 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) revised its guidance to state that fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear face coverings in most public settings, with limited exceptions;

**WHEREAS**, the CDC continues to advise those who have not yet been fully vaccinated to wear face coverings in public settings as described in its guidelines;

**WHEREAS**, as the County continues to see progress in vaccinations and mitigation of COVID-19, it is taking a phased approach to reopening its buildings to the public while maintaining several mitigation measures, including sanitizing and metered entry; and

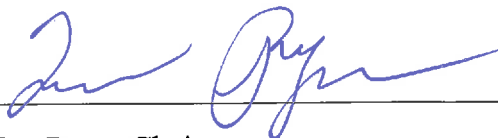
**WHEREAS**, as the County intends to open more of its public spaces to the public starting June 1, 2021, it is appropriate to rescind the Face Covering Proclamation in alignment with that date so that fully vaccinated people will be able to access County buildings without the obligation to wear face coverings, while those not fully vaccinated will still be recommended to wear face coverings;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**, that the Face Covering Proclamation issued by the Chairperson in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, is hereby rescinded, effective June 1, 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

**AYES:** 4  
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**ABSENT:** 1

**COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

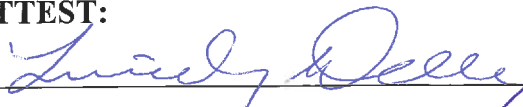


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Matt Ryan, Chair

(SEAL)

**ATTEST:**



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Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Rose Winkeler, Deputy County Attorney

