



August 31, 2021

Honorable Elected Officials and Colleagues,

As you are aware, cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in our community. We are seeing a great deal of community transmission of the virus, primarily attributed to the Delta variant.

This continued spread of COVID-19, mainly among the unvaccinated, has resulted in Franklin County along with several other Central Ohio communities being categorized as an area of “high” transmission by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Because of the increased spread and the number of unvaccinated individuals we must continue to take steps to help stop the spread.

Effective immediately all persons entering a Franklin County governmental facility will be required to wear a mask. Masks will be worn by all visitors, contractors, and employees.

This is not a new directive for Board of Commissioner agency employees. You were directed to comply with this standard in early August. A mask is not required if you are in your individual office or workspace if proper social distancing from contact with other co-workers exists. Please remember to practice appropriate social distancing by avoiding unnecessary crowding together.

Our best tool in the fight against COVID-19 is the vaccine, and I encourage all employees to consider receiving the vaccine. We provide several incentives for those individuals who take the time to receive the vaccine. Please check the ThriveOn website for details.

Wearing masks provides an extra layer of protection as we battle the current spike. If you are not vaccinated it is highly recommended that you take a rapid COVID19 test at least weekly. These measures are necessary to secure a safe and healthy workplace. The policy is subject to change contingent upon the level of community spread of COVID19 and its variants. **Note: Please consult with the county’s courts or county elected offices if there are specific questions regarding their respective individual masking policies in judicial or auxiliary facilities.**

To find a free COVID-19 vaccine near you, visit [gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov).

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