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Face Coverings will be required in all Charleston County Government Buildings

New requirement will go into effect on Monday, August 2.

Beginning Monday, August 2, visitors and employees will be required to wear face coverings in all public areas of Charleston County Government buildings. Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, and the increasing threat of the Delta variant, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is recommending everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a face covering in indoor public spaces. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the County has followed guidance from the CDC and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), and we will continue to follow that guidance by requiring masks inside County buildings regardless of vaccination status.

"The only way to stop the spread of this vicious disease is to get vaccinated. I strongly encourage all residents to get the vaccine," said Charleston County Council Chairman Teddie Pryor. "Not only are you protecting yourself from dying or getting sick, but you are also protecting your family members and other compromised individuals."

Residents can pay taxes, apply for permits and find other service requests online: <u>https://www.charlestoncounty.org/clickandgo.php</u>

SCDHEC recommendation: <u>https://scdhec.gov/news-releases/dhec-supports-updated-cdc-guidance-recommends-indoor-masking-all-regardless</u>

CDC Recommendation: https://www.cdc.gov/

Find a vaccine location near you: https://scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccine

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