

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**At Charleston**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-21**

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, a State of Emergency was declared on March 16, 2020 for all counties in West Virginia, to allow agencies to coordinate and create necessary measures to prepare for and respond to the outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus now known as COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 15, Article 5, Section 6 of the Code of West Virginia authorizes the Governor to, among other things, control ingress and egress to and from a disaster area or an area where large-scale threat exists, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein, and to perform and exercise other functions, powers, and duties that are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 77-20, as amended by Executive Order 12-21 and Executive Order 16-20 (together, the “Face Covering Order”), mandates the use of face coverings for all individuals age 9 and over who are not fully vaccinated within the State of West Virginia when in confined, indoor spaces where other individuals may be present, regardless of one’s perceived ability to social distance from other individuals, with certain exceptions; and

**WHEREAS**, West Virginia’s public health experts have advised that, because of the State’s successful campaign to vaccinate her most vulnerable population and the expanded availability of vaccinations for adults and children as young as 12 years of age, the Face Covering Order is no longer necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, those individuals who have not yet been vaccinated are strongly encouraged to seek out one of the State of West Virginia's many vaccination sites to receive their free and safe vaccine and enter the State's vaccination sweepstakes, "Do it for Babydog: *Save a life. Change your life.*"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM JUSTICE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me pursuant to the provision of Chapter 15, Article 5, Section 6 of the Code of West Virginia, hereby **DECLARE** and **ORDER**, effective as of 12:01 AM, Eastern Daylight Time, on West Virginia Day, the Twentieth day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-One, that the Face Covering Order is hereby terminated.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**DONE** at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Eighteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One in the One Hundred Fifty-Eighth year of the State.



  
**GOVERNOR**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**