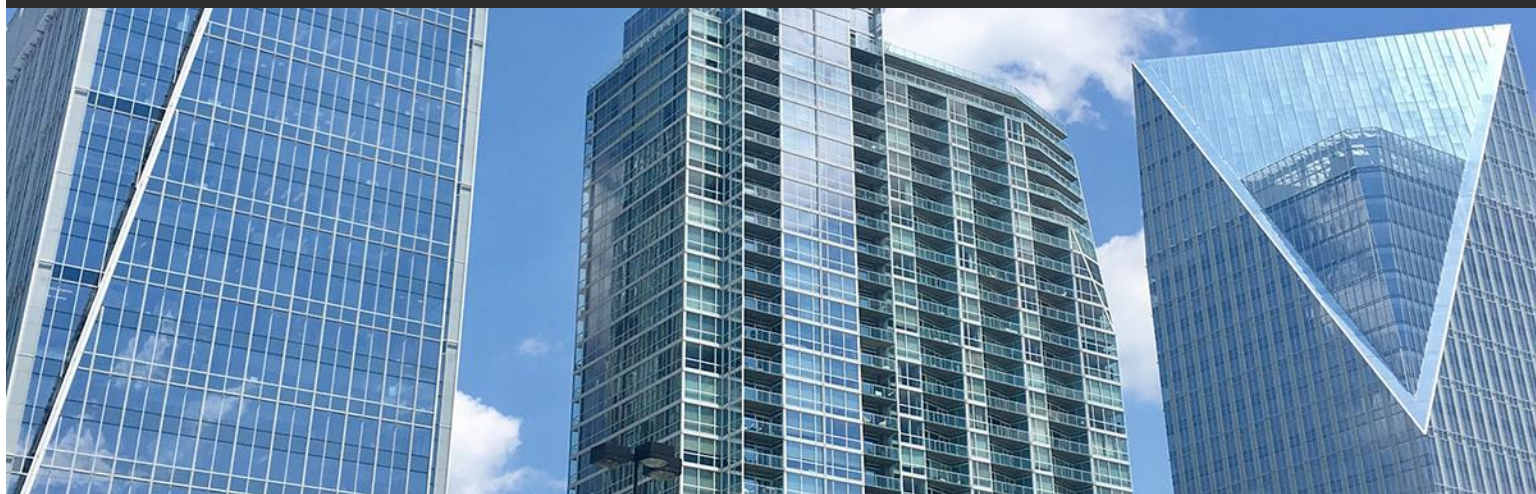


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## **City of Atlanta Issues Mask Mandate in Public Places**

On July 28, 2021, Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms issued an **executive order** (the “Order”) instituting an indoor mask or facial covering mandate within the city of Atlanta. Additionally, all City facilities including City Hall are now closed.

Specifically, Section 4 of the Order requires individuals to wear masks or facial coverings indoors at any “business, establishment, corporation, non-profit corporation, organization,” “polling place,” and “public place.” “Public place” is defined as “any place other than a personal vehicle, residential property, or an entity including the curtilage thereof.”

### **Exceptions**

Importantly, Section 4(d)(6) of the Order provides for specific exceptions, including when wearing a facial covering or mask “would prevent the receipt of personal services or performing work in the course of employment.”

Other exceptions include:

- When in a personal vehicle or residential property;
- For bona fide religious reasons;

- While eating or drinking;
- When receiving medical care, if it is determined that a facial covering would inhibit the administration of such care;
- When complying with the directions of law enforcement; and
- Children under age 10.

### Enforcement

Section 4(e)(2) provides that police officers and other authorized law enforcement officials have the authority to issue civil penalties of \$25 for the first offense and \$50 for subsequent offenses. Before any monetary fines are imposed, however, a warning must be provided to the individual, giving them the opportunity to put on a facial covering or mask.

For more information and updates on the developing situation, visit [GT's Health Emergency Preparedness Task Force: Coronavirus Disease 2019](#) and [Business Continuity Amid COVID-19](#) page.

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