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**SUBJECT: City to require masks in City facilities beginning at 4:30 pm on Monday, May 23, 2022**

**BY: Phil Jents, Communications and Policy Officer**

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[Duluth, MN] As a result of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recent listing of St. Louis County's COVID-19 community spread as high, and in alignment with the CDC's safety guidance, beginning at 4:30 pm on Monday, May 23, 2022, masks will be required for staff and the public in all City of Duluth facilities, regardless of vaccination status.

"Earlier today, an email was sent to staff alerting them of this change," Chief Administrative Officer Noah Schuchman said. "This is not a decision that we make lightly, and is a short-term step which we feel is in the best interest of our staff, their families, and the public."

The City continues to track information, data, and recommendations from the CDC, Minnesota Department of Health, local hospitals, and St. Louis County and strongly encourages members of the public to follow CDC guidelines around high community spread of COVID-19:

- Wear a mask indoors in public
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
- Get tested if you have symptoms
- Any additional precautions that may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

If you have yet to be vaccinated, information on Saint Louis County vaccine clinics can be found [here](#). The State of Minnesota's vaccine locator can be found [here](#). Additionally, most medical providers and local drug stores have vaccinations available.

More important information regarding COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

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