

## Mask update at Miami-Dade County buildings

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Dear Miami-Dade County family,

Over the last several weeks, we have made enormous progress in our fight to get the Delta variant under control in Miami-Dade, and I'm extremely proud of everyone across our community who stepped up to help stop the spread.

After closely reviewing the latest COVID trends in Miami-Dade, and in consultation with our Chief Medical Officer Dr. Peter Paige, I am updating our COVID policy: **effective today, November 5, we will no longer require the use of a mask in Miami-Dade County buildings.** Masks are still required at the Airport, Port, and on all public transportation per federal guidelines.

We must all continue to practice common sense. I encourage all our employees to take the steps that we know work to prevent the spread: wear masks around large crowds and people you don't know to be vaccinated, frequently wash your hands and sanitize, and get tested if you've been exposed or show any symptoms.

We also know this global pandemic is not over and that we must remain vigilant — we have come too far, and have made too much progress, to let our guard down now. The single best thing any of us can do to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our entire community is to get vaccinated, and if you are eligible, to get the booster shot as soon as possible.

I am so proud that our vaccination rate is the highest in the state and over the national average, and that every day more people continue to receive their first shot across Miami-Dade.

We could never have come so far in the fight against COVID without the strength and sacrifice of our extraordinary County family. Throughout this pandemic you have met every single challenge with enormous courage, creativity, grit, and selflessness despite great uncertainty and personal hardship.

I could not be prouder to serve as your Mayor and to work alongside you in service to this community we love so dearly — let's go cross the finish line together.

With endless gratitude and renewed hope,  
Mayor Daniella