

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY TO ALL CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF
RED BANK PARK AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND
BUREAUS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK:**

WHEREAS, by reason of the global COVID-19 pandemic, there is a need for immediate local government operations in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Borough of Red Bank and the public in general, and to take all precautionary actions necessary in order to avoid an exacerbation and worsening of existing health conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Omicron variant of COVID-19 has a very high rate of transmission through populations; and

WHEREAS, cases of confirmed Omicron related COVID-19 infection are rising nationwide and in particular through New Jersey and Monmouth County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank seeks to take action to mitigate and combat the spread of COVID-19 and its variants; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank wishes to accomplish said mitigation without negatively impacting businesses and residents in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, there are known effective ways of combating the spread of COVID-19 and its variants;

WHEREAS, this Order is being put in place to mitigate the burden being placed on the healthcare system as the rise in COVID-19 cases hinders the ability to attend to the many emergent non-COVID patients in need of services at our areas health care institutions;

WHEREAS, this Order is being put in place with many of our neighboring communities in an effort to mitigate the expected burden on the local health care system and our first responders.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.5 and by ordinances adopted by the Borough of Red Bank, given current exigent circumstances, I do hereby declare, in order to continue to protect the residents and employees of the Borough of Red Bank, the following requirements:

1. Effective Friday, January 14, 2022 at 5:00 pm, the wearing of masks (face coverings) shall be strongly recommended in all areas of indoor public accommodation including, but not limited to, government facilities, restaurants, bars, gymnasiums, dance studios, recreation facilities, retail stores, cafes, supermarkets, convenience stores places of worship, commercial establishments, salons, barbershops, banks, healthcare facilities, and hotels.
2. All aforesaid areas of indoor public accommodation shall be encouraged to post signage notifying patrons of the importance of wearing face coverings.
3. Visitors and employees of the municipal facilities must wear a facemask at all times except when socially distanced at least six (6) feet apart from all others for an extended period of time, such as in an office setting when seated at desks.
4. Children under the age of three (3) shall be exempt from the above requirements.
5. Any and all of the above terms and provisions shall be subject to modification, alteration or rescission without notice and at the sole discretion of the Borough of Red Bank and its agents.
6. This Order shall take effect on Friday, January 14, 2022 at 5:00 pm and be in effect until rescinded by Proclamation of the Emergency Management Coordinator.


Emergency Management Coordinator

Date

1/14/2022


Mayor

Date

January 14, 2022