

## **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY**

Whereas, one of the greatest responsibilities of any elected official is the protection of the electorate served and the protection of the greater public health and safety; and

Whereas, nearly 400,000 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Iowa along with over 6,200 deaths; and

Whereas, COVID-19 can spread person-to-person and poses a possibility of causing severe illness in certain populations and disability and/or death to certain Iowans; and

Whereas, despite approximately 50% of Iowans being fully vaccinated, and even with over 60% of Johnson County residents, community spread of COVID-19 is occurring within our state and in Johnson County; and

Whereas, the Iowa Department of Public Health reported on August 18, 2021 new cases of COVID-19 continue to increase with an average of 814 cases over the past week, the highest number in six months; and

Whereas, the risk of transmission of COVID-19 may be substantially reduced by separating and restricting the movement of persons known or suspected to have the disease, or who have been exposed to those known or suspected to have the disease; and

Whereas, the Johnson County Public Health recommends residents and visitors in Johnson County wear masks in public indoor settings, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status due to the discovery of the Delta variant being more contagious; and

Whereas, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Johnson County is currently at a "high level" of community transmission; and

Whereas, due to the increasing spread COVID-19 and the Delta variant, on August 6, 2021, our City Manager of the City of Iowa City has required face coverings in City buildings that do not allow for social distancing of at least six feet; and

Whereas, Iowa Code Section 372.14(2) and City of Iowa City Code Section 8-1 grant the Mayor the authority to declare a civil emergency and thereafter take extraordinary measures to protect the public health and safety.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing I, Bruce Teague, Mayor of Iowa City, do hereby declare and proclaim that a civil emergency exists within the City of Iowa City due to the dangers presented by COVID-19 and its confirmed community spread.

I further declare my intention to issue such further proclamations and take such extraordinary measures as are in my judgment necessary to maintain health, welfare and

safety within the community as this Proclamation is part of an ongoing response of the City of Iowa City to protect public health and safety and may be modified or superseded with more restrictive proclamations at any time as circumstances warrant.

I further ORDER that the following extraordinary measure be taken:

The City Manager or his designee may procure by purchase or lease, without competitive procurement procedure, such goods or services as he deems necessary in furtherance of the City's response to the emergency presented by COVID-19.

This proclamation of civil emergency shall remain in effect until withdrawn or modified by me.

Issued this 19 of August, 2021.

By: Bruce Teague  
Bruce Teague, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kellie K. Fruehling City Clerk