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## **MASK MANDATE FOR CITY FACILITIES & COVID-19 VACCINATION OPPORTUNITY**

### **MASK MANDATE FOR CITY FACILITIES**

Citizens of Anniston, on April 9th, Governor Kay Ivey will lift the State of Alabama's Mask Mandate. On 04/07/21, Governor Ivey issued the new "Safer Apart Order," the third phase of COVID-19 pandemic health orders. Masks will no longer be mandated statewide, but individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a mask or other facial covering when in public and in close contact with other people. This order goes into effect at 5:00PM on Friday, April 9, 2021 and extends until 5:00PM on Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

At this time, community transmission of COVID-19 in Calhoun County is still at a moderate level. Furthermore, according to the most recent data from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), only 14.5% of Calhoun County residents have been fully vaccinated as of 04/06/21.

City of Anniston leadership places the highest priority on the safety of its citizens. Therefore, in an effort to keep all public facilities as safe as possible, especially for those in our most vulnerable population groups, be it known that the use of **masks will continue to be required throughout all City of Anniston owned centers and facilities, per the direction of the Anniston City Council.**

### **VACCINATION OPPORTUNITY**

The City of Anniston has partnered with Regional Medical Center (RMC) to provide another first dose COVID-19 Vaccination clinic on April 21, 2021. Eligible individuals seeking to receive their first dose of the vaccine (Moderna), should **email their First Name, Last Name, and phone number to our Public Information Officer at: [jhodges@anniston.al.gov](mailto:jhodges@anniston.al.gov).**

Appointments will be scheduled next week, and our Public Information Officer will contact you with an appointment time at the number you provide. **Please note that 250 vaccines will be on hand; thus, appointments shall stop being made once the vaccine supply is exhausted.**