

Governor Ducey's most recent Executive Order – EO 21-06, removes and lifts the public gathering restrictions and requirements, as well as rescinding Executive Orders 09, 36, 40, 43, 47, 52 and 59. Additionally, EO 21-06 states that a City may not issue any order that conflicts with this Executive Order that was not in place as of March 11, 2020, including, but not limited to, mandated use of face coverings. This explicitly prohibits the enforcement of mask requirements in the general public, except in government buildings and on public transportation. Governor Ducey's Thursday order gives businesses and event organizers the option to continue requiring masks, social distancing and other preventive measures if they choose to do so. It also permits businesses to refuse service to anyone who doesn't comply. The Order encourages businesses and governmental entities to continue to follow CDC guidelines to limit the spread of COVID-19, which guidelines still recommend the wearing of masks.

Please continue to exercise the effective habits we've learned during the pandemic, including social distancing, good hygiene and mask wearing when distancing is not possible. All Bisbee residents should remain actively vigilant because the pandemic is not over.