

PHMDC: Extends mask order until November 5

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Today, Public Health Madison & Dane County [announced](#) that it is **extending its indoor mask requirement until Friday, Nov. 5 at 12:01 a.m.** The new order is unchanged from the existing order that was set to expire this Friday, Oct. 8.

In response, Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce President Zach Brandon released the following statement:

“The fact that these orders continue to be extended indicates a complete lack of leadership from our local elected and government officials. We have heard no plan and no clear path forward – only vague reliance on a single CDC data point that treats every community equally, regardless of vaccination rate.

“The decision-making process in October 2021 should not look the same as it did in July 2020.

“The path forward is vaccines, and this community and our businesses have stepped up in a big way on that front. As of today, 90 percent of Dane County’s adult population has had at least one shot. We are one of the most vaccinated counties in the country, and we have supported that progress by encouraging vaccinations in our workforce.

“One-size-fits-all public health orders cannot become the status quo. Continuing to implement emergency orders, regardless of what we have learned about their effectiveness, will only undermine public confidence and compliance.”

Read the full order [here](#).

If you have questions about the order or other issues impacting your business,



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