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COVID-19 safety protocols remain in place at City operated facilities

May 15, 2021 – ROCHESTER, MINN. – The City of Rochester is maintaining current COVID-19 safety protocols in city operated facilities at this time. These measures include the use of face coverings and social distancing by teammates and members of the public when inside a city operated facility. City teammates are evaluating these protocols while consulting new guidance from Governor Walz and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The health and safety of city teammates and the public continue to be a top priority in the decision making process.

Rochester Public Transit (RPT) is bound by TSA Security Directive 1582-84-21-01A which requires the use of facemasks on public transportation. Occupancy on RPT buses is 50%.

Requirements for in person attendance at City Council meetings continue, and in person public attendance remains extremely limited. Additionally, all members of the public must wear face coverings during the meeting. Face coverings may be removed when speaking, presenting, or facilitating the meeting. The meetings will continue to be available through public access channels and the rochestermn.gov website.

The City of Rochester currently has no citywide mask mandate in place. The local mandate enacted on July 8, 2020 expired when Governor Walz issued Executive Order 20-81 on July 25, 2020 requiring the use of face coverings statewide. Individual businesses retain the right to require COVID-19 protocols in their facilities.

A new or renewed citywide mask mandate would require future approval by the City Council.

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