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**RESOLUTION 2022-15**

**WHEREAS**, the Omicron variant of COVID-19 has a very high rate of transmission through populations; and

**WHEREAS**, cases of confirmed Omicron related COVID-19 infection are rising nationwide and in particular through New Jersey and Middlesex County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Sayreville seeks to take action to mitigate and combat the spread of COVID-19 and its variants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Sayreville wishes to accomplish said mitigation without negatively impacting businesses and residents in their daily lives; and

**WHEREAS**, there are known effective ways of combating the spread of COVID-19 and its variants;

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution is being put in place to mitigate the burden being placed on the healthcare system as the rise in COVID cases hinders the ability to attend to the many emergent Non-COVID patients in need of services at our areas healthcare institutions.

**WHEREAS**, area hospitals have needed to place ambulatory services on “divert” sending patients to other hospitals in the past month. The rapid rate of transmission associated with the Omicron variant will make diversion more frequent.

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution is being put in place with many of our neighboring communities in an effort to mitigate the expected burden on the local healthcare system and our first responders.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Sayreville in the County of Middlesex in the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the Constitution and Statutes of this State, do hereby establish the following requirements:

1. Effective Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 a.m. the wearing of masks shall be required in all areas of indoor public accommodation including, but not limited to, government facilities, restaurants, bars, gymnasiums, dance studios, recreation facilities, retail stores, cafes, supermarkets, convenience stores places of worship, commercial establishments, salons, barbershops, banks, healthcare facilities, and hotels.

2. Residents, visitors, employees and patrons of the above public facilities must wear a facemask at all times except:
  - a) when actively eating or drinking; or
  - b) when socially distanced at least six feet apart from all others for an extended period of time, such as in an office setting when seated at desks; when performing for an audience; or when conducting worship services.
3. Children under the age of three (3) shall be exempt from the above requirements.
4. Any and all of the above terms and provisions shall be subject to modification, alteration, or rescission without notice and at the sole discretion of the Borough of Sayreville and its agents.
5. This Resolution shall take effect on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 a.m. and be in effect until January 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

/s/Michele Maher, Councilwoman  
(Sponsor)

Reviewed by the Borough Attorney and is approved as to form and the Resolution satisfies all of the legal requirements for the Mayor's signature.

/s/Michael DuPont, Borough Attorney

**ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**

/s/Jessica Morelos, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

/s/Victoria Kilpatrick  
Mayor

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Ayes		X	X		X	
Nays	X			X		X
Abstain						
Absent						

**\*Mayor voted aye to break tie**

I, Jessica Morelos, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Sayreville do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted at the Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2022.

  
Municipal Clerk