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City of Douglas Responds to Governor Ducey's Executive Order 2021-06

DOUGLAS, ARIZ. (March 26, 2021) - Douglas Mayor Donald Huish, in order to comply with Governor Doug Ducey's Executive Order 2021-06, dated March 25, 2021, prohibiting local governments from mandating face coverings in public settings, has rescinded the face coverings in public spaces requirement under the city proclamation dated June 23, 2020.

The existing mitigation policies inside city facilities and at city-sponsored events and programs will remain in place. Going forward, these policies may vary from facility to facility and will be evaluated and updated weekly with a phased reopening approach.

"We are proud of our citizens and businesses and the responsibilities they have taken on for the past year in taking extra measures to stay safe and playing a big part in fighting the spread of this pandemic," said Mayor Huish. "We are happy to see that we are progressing and taking responsible steps towards getting back to normal. We continue to encourage everyone to exercise personal responsibility in dealing with this virus along with respecting the choices of others."

Under the changes announced by Governor Ducey:

- Events of more than 50 people will no longer need the approval of local governments. These events should continue to follow safe practices and CDC recommendations, including physical distancing. This includes youth sports.
- The business guidance will transform from requirements to recommendations. Governor Ducey is providing businesses the ability to continue requiring masks and social distancing.
- Bars have already been allowed to operate as "dine-in" at full capacity. They will now be allowed to resume regular operations, with the ability to require social distancing and masks.

View the Governor's Executive Order [HERE](https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/eo_2021-06.pdf)
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