

COBB COUNTY, GA
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SECOND RENEWAL OF DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN COBB COUNTY

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WHEREAS, on December 22, 2021, due to Cobb Douglas Public Health (CDPH) reporting a surge in, and high community spread of, COVID-19 omicron variant cases in Cobb County, with the majority of hospitalizations being unvaccinated individuals, the Chairwoman issued a Declaration of Emergency activating the County's EOP and encouraging all Cobb County citizens to (1) get vaccinated; (2) wear a mask in public indoor places if unvaccinated; and (3) avoid crowds and gatherings if sick; and,

WHEREAS, the Official Code of Cobb County, Georgia, states that a declaration of emergency shall continue until the chairperson finds that the emergency conditions no longer exist, so long as the declaration of emergency is renewed prior to expiration, Cobb County Code, Sec. 34-2; and,

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2022, the Chairwoman renewed the Declaration of Emergency for an additional thirty (30) days based upon the continued presence of emergency conditions;

WHEREAS, despite the data showing a drop in the rate of transmission since the Declaration of Emergency was last renewed, CDPH reports that Cobb County's 14-day average (as of February 16, 2022) was 504 cases/100,000, which is still five times higher than the 100/100,000 threshold signifying "high community transmission"; and,

WHEREAS, despite the data showing a drop in the rate of positivity since the Declaration of Emergency was last renewed, CDPH reports that Cobb County still has a COVID positivity rate of 11.1%, with a positivity rate over 5% being considered "too high"; and,

WHEREAS, despite the data showing that more Cobb residents have gotten vaccinated since the Declaration of Emergency was last renewed (*i.e.*, 65% have received 1 dose; 60% are fully vaccinated; 25% have received booster), CDPH reports that the vaccination rate still needs improvement; and,

WHEREAS, prior Omicron levels dropped to just above the 100/100,000 threshold but rose exponentially following the loosening of precautions, which strongly suggests the loosening of those precautions may have been premature; and,

WHEREAS, the First Renewal of the Declaration of Emergency is set to expire on February 19, 2022, unless renewed for a second time in accordance with Sec. 34-2; and,

WHEREAS, the emergency condition that precipitated the December 22, 2021 Declaration of Emergency and January 22, 2022 First Renewal still exists,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the Chairwoman by local and state law;

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that the Declaration of Emergency in Cobb County, which is set to expire on February 19, 2022, shall be renewed for thirty (30) days, unless terminated sooner in light of data reflecting a sufficient degree of reduced transmission.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1.

All terms of the December 22, 2021 Declaration of Emergency are hereby adopted by reference.

2.

All provisions of this renewal shall become effective upon signature and shall terminate on March 19, 2022, at 11:59 p.m., unless renewed again by the Chairwoman.

ENTERED at 2:45 p.m. on February 17, 2022.

COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA

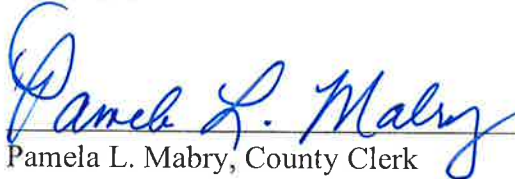
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