

**DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES REVISED COMMISSIONER'S DIRECTIVE NO.
2020-1 CONCERNING THE SAFETY PRACTICES OF
PERSONNEL DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS
MARCH 1, 2023**

WHEREAS, Emergency Executive Order No. 98 issued on March 7, 2020, and extended most recently by Emergency Executive Order No.343, issued February 24, 2023, declared a State of Emergency in the City of New York resulting from the outbreak of novel coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, Emergency Executive Order No. 98 directs "all agency heads . . . to take all appropriate and necessary steps to preserve public safety and the health of their employees, and to render all required and available assistance to protect the security, well-being and health of the residents of the City"; and

WHEREAS, Section 814 of the Charter empowers the Commissioner of Citywide Administrative Services to administer the city-wide safety incentive, training and development, and other such personnel programs of the city; and to administer personnel programs of a city-wide nature; and

WHEREAS, as of February 1, 2023, 96% of City employees have completed a primary series of vaccination against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 25, dated February 6, 2023, and effective as of February 10, 2023, rescinded the requirement for prospective City employees to receive the primary vaccination series; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2023, the Board of Health rescinded the vaccination requirement for City employees, by modifying and rescinding various COVID-19 Commissioner of Health Orders; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Department of Health advise that people can resume activities without wearing a face covering or being physically distanced, except where otherwise required.

NOW, THEREFORE, I take the following action:

Section 1. Subject to section 2 of this Directive, I hereby direct that City employees may continue to wear a face covering in the workplace without interference but are

authorized to remove their face coverings in the workplace if they wish to do so. The City will provide face coverings to employees.

§ 2. Every City employee able to medically tolerate a face covering must wear a face covering that covers the employee's mouth and nose during days 6 to 10 after infection with COVID-19 upon returning to the work site.

§ 3. I strongly recommend that employees continue to wear a face covering when the employee has been in close contact with a person infected with COVID-19 (but not required to quarantine) for 10 days following exposure.

§ 4. This Revised Commissioner's Directive No. 2020-1 shall take effect on March 1, 2023, and shall supersede Revised Directive No. 2020-1 issued on March 7, 2022.

Dated: March 1, 2023

Dawn M. Pinnock
Commissioner