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**Augusta Commission lifts mask mandate for all government buildings**

**AUGUSTA, GA (March 8, 2022)** –The Augusta Commission voted unanimously to lift the City's mask mandate for all government buildings, effective March 8, 2022.

“As we take steps to regain a sense of normalcy, I applaud the hard work of our healthcare community and residents for keeping our communities safe throughout the pandemic,” said Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr. “As we continue to make progress even while living with COVID, the City of Augusta will continue working with our clinical partners to keep our communities safe, healthy, and prepared.”

While the mask mandate has been lifted, residents are encouraged to get their COVID-19 vaccination and practice social distancing and proper handwashing to slow the spread of the virus.

Media interested in covering this topic should contact Public Information Manager Danielle Harris at 706-564-3460.

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