



## LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT Recission of Directed Health Measures 2022-28

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. § 71-501, NEB. REV. STAT. § 71-1630(4)(d)(iii), and Chapter 8.18 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, and Lancaster County Resolution No. R-07-0035, the Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (“Director”) may exercise her authority to order Directed Health Measures necessary to prevent or minimize the spread of communicable disease.

**WHEREAS**, Patricia D. Lopez has been appointed and confirmed as the Health Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (“LLCHD”); and,

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. § 71-501, the LLCHD is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations concerning contagious, infectious, and malignant diseases in Lincoln and Lancaster County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Lincoln Municipal Code § 8.18.140 and Lancaster County Resolution No. R-07-0035, the Health Director may order the closure of, or restrict access to, any business, office, healthcare facility, school, or government agency or department for the purpose of controlling the spread of disease or for any activity related to controlling the spread of disease, and the Health Director may adopt any other control measures which are consistent with applicable guidelines of a public sector partner, emergency management agency, and any other applicable laws and regulations; and,


**WHEREAS**, having reviewed information from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), local public health departments, treating health care providers and health care facilities, and other public health, security, and law enforcement authorities; having consulted with medical and communicable disease control personnel of the LLCHD; and having considered directives and guidelines issued by the CDC and other public health authorities, the Health Director finds as follows:

1. Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska has seen a sustained decrease in new daily cases of COVID-19 in the preceding two weeks with a 7-day moving average of less than 100 cases per day.
2. PCR and antigen testing capacity for COVID-19 in Lincoln and Lancaster County has increased over the preceding two weeks.

3. Hospital capacity within Lincoln and Lancaster County, as defined by both available inpatient beds and adequate staffing has improved due to a significant reduction in the number of individuals requiring inpatient treatment for COVID-19 in the preceding week.
4. As of the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 over 70% of the eligible population has been vaccinated against COVID-19.
5. Oral anti-viral medications effective at treating COVID-19 are now available in Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska.

**THEREFORE**, the Directed Health Measures (“DHM”) 2022-28 is rescinded effective February 18, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

For the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department:

  
Patricia D. Lopez, RN, MSN  
Director

2-18-2022  
Date