

**CIVIL EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER  
CONTINUING THE DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 AND FOR  
RESIDENTS DISPLACED BY THE FIRE AT PATTEN TOWERS;  
REOPENING COMMUNITY CENTERS;  
CONTINUING VAX 4 CASH PROGRAM;  
RETURNING TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS;  
No. 2021-48**

WHEREAS COVID-19 continues to affect Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS newly enacted state law prohibits municipalities from implementing certain public health policies related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS the previously declared states of emergency caused by COVID -19 and the Patten Towers fire continue;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority invested in the Mayor under Tennessee Code Annotated § 38-9-101, et seq. and 58-8-104 and 58-2-110 (3) and City of Chattanooga Code § 20-41, et. seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM KELLY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, by virtue of the powers vested in me, hereby proclaim that a local public health civil emergency continues to exist in the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee based on COVID-19. I further proclaim that the displaced residents of Patten Towers continue to face a public health civil emergency. **All previous CIVIL EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDERS not specifically revised or repealed are hereby extended by and through this order.**

1. **VAX 4 CASH.** The City of Chattanooga has partnered with the Chattanooga Chamber Foundation, CARTA, and American Airlines to commence the VAX 4 CASH SWEEPSTAKES INCENTIVE PROGRAM (“Incentive Program”). Beginning on Thursday, Aug 5, and ending on the date set by a future executive order (the “Incentive Program Period”), the City of Chattanooga is offering Hamilton County residents the chance to win \$1,000 each week. As part of a public health initiative, the City of Chattanooga will conduct weekly random drawings to identify one (1) vaccinated Hamilton County resident per drawing to win a \$1,000 cash prize, and other prizes that may be announced. Unvaccinated residents may become eligible for the sweepstakes first by becoming fully vaccinated, then submitting an entry during the Incentive Program Period.

2. **MASKS.** Pursuant to state law, masks are no longer required in City buildings.

3. **OTHER CITY FACILITIES REMAIN OPEN.** City facilities shall remain open. City employees will continue to receive 100% of employee time off for COVID related absences as determined by HR for up to 80 hours of missed time from work; and also 2/3rds of their employee time off for family related COVID illness or quarantine time after 80 hours as part of this Executive Order which continues during this period of emergency. City employees with a positive COVID test should call the COVID Hotline at 423-643-7990 for instructions on quarantine and contact tracing.

4. **IN-PERSON MEETINGS.** All meetings may be held in-person.

5. **BUSINESS TRAVEL:** Pursuant to state law, employees may travel for business regardless of vaccination status. Employees cannot be required to travel for business while COVID cases continue at the current level.

6. **PATTEN TOWERS RESIDENTS.** This Order requests continued assistance for the displaced residents of Patten Towers, who need food, shelter, and provisions for their health and safety during this period of emergency.

Please visit [www.chattanooga.gov](http://www.chattanooga.gov) for any changing departmental communications during this period of this Order.

Issued this 3rd day of December, 2021, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 38-9-101, et seq. and 58-8-104 and 58-2-110 (3) by the Mayor of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Kelly', is positioned above a horizontal line.

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TIM KELLY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA