

LEWISTON ME

Proclamation

“Get Fully Vaccinated, Get Your Booster, and Wear a Mask Awareness Day”

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 omicron variant is highly contagious and will continue to spread throughout our state and our city; and

WHEREAS: Lewiston’s vaccination rate is 67% which is below the State of Maine vaccination rate of 70.5%; and

WHEREAS: Only 60% of those vaccinated in this county have received the booster; and

WHEREAS: Being fully vaccinated and getting the booster when eligible provides the best protection against infection and avoiding hospitalization in the case of a break-through infection; and

WHEREAS: Following the CDC recommendation to wear masks while in public spaces indoors further reduces the likelihood of transmission; and

WHEREAS: The strain endured over the past two years by our two local hospitals, Central Maine Medical Center and St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center, needs to be reduced; and

WHEREAS: It’s important to keep our community healthy so students, educators, and support staff can safely remain in schools; and

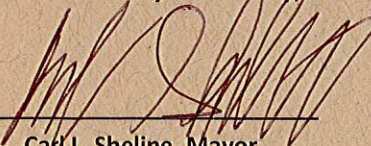
WHEREAS: The need for employees of Lewiston's businesses to quarantine and isolate, which causes disruption and hardship to our local economy, needs to be reduced; and

WHEREAS: Being fully vaccinated, getting the booster when eligible, and masking indoors in public settings will positively contribute to the continued health and well-being of Lewiston residents.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Carl L. Sheline, Mayor of Lewiston, Maine, do hereby proclaim January 10, 2022, as **“Get Fully Vaccinated, Get Your Booster, and Wear a Mask Awareness Day”** in the City of Lewiston.



Presented this 10th day of January, 2022



Carl L. Sheline, Mayor