

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 294

EFFECTIVE September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, Providence is home to several world-class institutes of higher education, with thousands of college and university faculty, staff, and students who live in city neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, In order to reopen for in-person learning for the fall semester, the Rhode Island Department of Health reviewed and approved reopening plans for every college and university in Rhode Island in order to ensure that every precaution was taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, As part of their reopening plans for the Fall semester, the local colleges and universities have included strict mask policies for all of their community members in order to mitigate the risks of potential COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, In addition to protecting students and faculty while on campus, the use of face masks can also cut down on the risks of transmission to the general public, especially in Providence where a large number of students and faculty live within the City's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, While the City Council is appreciative of the level of detail and forethought that all of the local colleges and universities have shown in generating their reopening plans, it is also important to emphasize the critical importance of wearing a mask in all aspects of daily life, not simply while attending classes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby supports the efforts of the local colleges and universities in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and requests that all students, faculty, and staff abide by their school's mask wearing policies both on and off campus.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

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PRES.

Shawn Selleck JSM
CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

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City Clerk