



# CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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### MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Phillip A. Zavadil, City Manager

**CC:** Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk; Stephanie Mandregan, Finance Director

**DATE:** February 7, 2023

**RE:** Emergency Ordinance 23-90 - An Emergency Ordinance of the Council of the City of Saint Paul Regarding Mitigation/Protective Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Throughout Saint Paul Island

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**SUMMARY:** Emergency Ordinance 23-90 extends the City of Saint Paul COVID-19 mitigation/protective measures for an additional 30 days.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Council extended this emergency ordinance for an additional 30 days on January 18, 2023.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:** On March 26, 2020, the City Council approved a resolution declaring COVID-19 a local emergency and established a travel ban. In April of 2020 City Council approved the first emergency ordinance regarding mitigation/protective measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 throughout Saint Paul Island. Over the past three years there have been numerous versions of this emergency ordinance. Community COVID-19 mitigation measures have included:

- Pre-travel testing
- Post travel testing
- Post travel quarantine ranging from 5 days to 14 days
- Resident and essential worker travel only
- Social distancing
- Use of anġiliisiġ (breath catchers/face masks/face coverings)
- Community/Workforce Protection Plans

The current proposed emergency ordinance requires travelers to submit a pre and post travel COVID-19 test.

The Biden administrative has announced plant to end the COVID-19 public health emergency and national emergency on May 11, 2023.

On Saturday, January 28, 2023, our community experienced the start of a COVID-19 outbreak in the community. The outbreak affected operations at the Saint Paul Health Center, Saint Paul School, City, and other businesses around town. As of February 6, 2023, more than 20 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 during this outbreak

**ALTERNATIVES:** Council could choose not to extend this emergency ordinance.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The cost to implement this emergency ordinance is minimal at this point in time.

**LEGAL:** No significant changes have occurred to this emergency ordinance for several months; therefore the City's general legal counsel has not reviewed Emergency Ordinance 23-90.

**ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:** None.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move to approve Emergency Ordinance 23-90.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Emergency Ordinance 23-90; Annual COVID-19 Booster?; Are we still in a COVID-19 emergency?; What ending the emergency actually means; White House Announces End of COVID-19 Emergency Periods.