

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0052R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers McCray, Bullock, Porter, Burnett, Stokes, Torrence, Ramos,
Glover, Cohen, Middleton, Conway

Introduced and read first time: July 19, 2021

Assigned to: Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Health Department, City Administrator,
Office of Emergency Management, Department of Human Resources, Department of General
Services, Housing Authority

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

**Informational Hearing – Baltimore City Employees – Safe Transition to
Work After COVID-19**

FOR the purpose of inviting the Baltimore City Administrator, the Director of the Department of
Human Resources, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Director
of the Department of General Services, the Director of the Office of Emergency
Management, and the Baltimore City Safety Czar to appear before the City Council to discuss
the plans and strategies that are being developed to transition Baltimore City employees back
to safe physical work environments.

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WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has had a significant impact on the mental, physical,
and financial health of Baltimore City employees;

WHEREAS, there have been 53,212 total cases of COVID-19 in the City of Baltimore;

WHEREAS, there have been 1,103 confirmed deaths, and 41 probable deaths resulting from
exposure to COVID-19 in the City of Baltimore;

WHEREAS, 268,853 Baltimore City residents ages 12 and older (50.9% of that population)
have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Baltimore City has allowed full capacity indoor and outdoor dining and indoor
and outdoor recreation, and has allowed houses of worship, retail establishments, gyms, and
casinos to operate at full capacity as of May 15th of 2021;

WHEREAS, Baltimore City lifted its mask mandate on July 1st of 2021 in congruency with
Maryland Governor Larry Hogan’s conclusion of the State of Emergency and termination of all
emergency mandates and restrictions;

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, it is under the discretion of private business owners to continue mandating masks
2 within their indoor and outdoor facilities;

3 **WHEREAS**, the health and safety of Baltimore City employees is of paramount concern to the
4 City, and the City must develop and implement workplace safety and health guidelines to reduce
5 employees' fear and provide for a safe transition back into the physical work environment; and

6 **WHEREAS**, just as returning to in-person learning is vital for student performance and mental
7 and emotional health, adults returning to the workplace will experience reduced feelings of
8 isolation, stagnation, and depression related to excessive screen time.

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
10 Baltimore City Council invites the Baltimore City Administrator, the Director of the Department
11 of Human Resources, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Director
12 of the Department of General Services, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management,
13 and the Baltimore City Safety Czar to appear before the City Council to discuss the plans and
14 strategies that are being developed to transition Baltimore City employees back to safe physical
15 work environments.

16 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
17 City Administrator, the Director of the Department of Human Resources, the Commissioner of
18 the Baltimore City Health Department, the Director of the Department of General Services, the
19 Director of the Office of Emergency Management, the Baltimore City Safety Czar, and the
20 Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City Council.