



ORDER OF THE YUROK TRIBE
REQUIRING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO WEAR FACIAL COVERINGS

DATE OF ORDER MAY 22, 2020
EFFECTIVE MAY 23, 2020 UNTIL RESCINDED

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, and/or or a civil violation with a fine of up to \$5,000. (Yurok Tribe Public Health Code §4302).

1. This Order shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until it is rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing.
2. The Yurok Tribe (“Tribe”) and the State of California is in a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a substantial danger to the health of the public within the Yurok Reservation (“Reservation”). COVID-19 can easily spread between persons who are in close contact with one another. This Order is based on scientific evidence and best practices as currently known from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of California, and the Del Norte and Humboldt County Health Officers. This Order is intended to protect vulnerable members of the public from avoidable risk of serious illness or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19
3. The age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the Tribe places it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. Persons have been shown to be infectious up to 48 hours before onset of symptoms, and as many as 50% of infections seem to occur in asymptomatic persons. All persons who contract COVID- 19, regardless of their level of symptoms (none, mild, or severe), may place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk. Currently, there is no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19 and no specific treatment.
4. COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets that are produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of others who are nearby, or can be inhaled into their lungs. COVID19 has been shown to attach to surfaces for days and remain viable in the air for up to three hours after the infected person has left. When properly worn by the user, facial coverings used in conjunction with physical distancing of at least 6 feet and frequent handwashing, may reduce the risk of transmission of this virus by limiting the spread of these droplets. Even a small reduction in community transmission could make a major difference to the demand on

14. Facial coverings should be frequently washed or sanitized for the health and safety of the user and others. Single-use facial coverings must be properly discarded into trash receptacles.
15. Employers who continue to operate, pursuant to the Public Health Officer Shelter in Place Order issued on March 19, 2020, and who require their employees to leave their residence to work or provide a service shall ensure that their employees comply with this Order while on duty by either (1) supplying employees with facial coverings, or (2) ensuring that employees have access to facial coverings, or (3) ensuring that their employees are using their own facial coverings. Individuals working in a private office which is not used by other employees or accessed by the public, do not need to wear a mask while in their office but must do so when in any commonly used space.
16. Each driver or operator of any public transportation or paratransit vehicle, taxi, Yurok Tribe GSA or Yurok Tribal vehicle, or private care service or ride-sharing vehicle must wear a Face Covering while driving or operating such vehicle, regardless of whether a member of the public is in the vehicle, due to the need to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets in the vehicle.
17. A governmental entity or business owner or operator may to the extent authorized by law, refuse admission or service to any customer or visitor who fails to wear facial coverings.
18. Business includes any for-profit, non-profit, or educational entity, whether a corporate entity, organization, partnership or sole proprietorship, and regardless of the nature of the service, the function it performs, or its corporate or entity structure.
19. Pursuant to the Yurok Public Health Code sections 4303, California Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and California Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Public Health Officer requests that Yurok Tribal Police, the Sheriff and all chiefs of police on the Reservation and in Del Norte and Humboldt Counties ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. Civil penalties not to exceed \$5,000 may also be assessed.
20. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) posted on the Tribe's websites, (2) posted in Public Places (e.g. government offices) and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
21. If any provision of this Order to the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. The provisions of this Order are severable.

Date Issued:

5/22/2020

By:


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