



YUROK TRIBE

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YUROK TRIBE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER ORDER #210729A
Facial Coverings Required While Indoors in Public Spaces
July 29, 2021

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Currently, infection rates are rising in both Humboldt and Del Norte County and on the Yurok Reservation, where there have been 4 new cases reported in the last 2 weeks. The Yurok Tribe has also seen an increase in people who are quarantining as a safety measure because they feel unwell and are awaiting test results. **Humboldt and Del Norte counties are currently classified as “high” risk of community transmission.**

As of July 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommends that all individuals — vaccinated or not — wear masks indoors because of a higher risk of contracting COVID-19. According to the CDC, approximately 80% of new COVID-19 infections in the United States are now caused by the Delta variant. Current data shows that the Delta variant has significantly impacted unvaccinated populations and account for virtually all hospitalizations and deaths. While vaccinations have shown to provide protection against the Delta variant, this mutation has been found to be highly contagious. Recent studies indicate that vaccinated individuals, who are infected by the Delta variant, can pass it to others.

Now, therefore, I, as Public Health Officer for the Yurok Tribe, order the following:

1. Facial coverings must be worn indoors while in public spaces.
 - a. Facial coverings mean any fabric or cloth that covers the mouth and nose without holes. Any facial covering that incorporates a valve should have the following: a one-way valve that only releases filtered air on the exhale; a minimum of one or more fabric barriers between the mouth and the exhaust valve; and, if the valve is not filtered, then an additional face covering is required.
 - b. Facial coverings should not be used on: children under the age of two (2) years; anyone who has breathing problems; or, anyone that is unconscious or incapacitated. Individuals who are unable to remove their facial coverings without assistance should not be masked.
2. This Order shall be enforceable pursuant to Yurok Tribe law, including, but not limited to, the Yurok Constitution and Yurok Tribe Public Health Ordinance.

Terms of Orders

3. This order shall go into effect immediately, July 29, 2021.
4. This order shall remain in effect until repealed by the Yurok Tribe Public Health Officer or repealed by the Yurok Tribal Council.
5. This order does not repeal any Yurok Tribe order, law, or regulation.
6. This Order is issued pursuant to the Yurok Constitution and Yurok Tribe Public Health Ordinance.
7. 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.



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