



**Tule River Indian
Reservation**

**Department of Public Health
Order of the Health Authority**

ORDER OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY No. C19-04

**ORDER OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY
OF THE TULE RIVER TRIBE OF CALIFORNIA
DIRECTING IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC
MEASURES OR PROTOCOLS GOVERNING ALL
PERSONS WITHIN THE
TULE RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION**

**(UNIFORM USE OF FACE COVERINGS TO PROTECT
PUBLIC SAFETY)**

DATE OF ORDER: July 2, 2020

Please read this Order carefully. Violations of this Order by any person within the Tule River Indian Reservation shall constitute a civil infraction subject to a minimum \$250.00 and maximum \$1000.00 fine and/or exclusion or banishment from the Tule River Indian Reservation, in addition to any other penalties provided by applicable tribal or federal law.

SUMMARY

This Order applies to all persons within the Tule River Indian Reservation, whether present on property held in fee and or in trust. It supplements existing active Public Health Orders of the Tule River Tribe.

The Public Health Authority may revise this Order as the situation evolves, and facilities must stay updated by checking with www.trihci.org/covid-19



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**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TRIBAL RESOLUTION NO. FY2020-110 AND
ORDINANCE NO. FY2020-10, THE PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY OF THE TULE
RIVER RESERVATION (“PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY”) ORDERS:**

1. The intent of this Order is to provide a safe and consistent measure of safety for all persons who reside on or visit the Tule River Indian Reservation for any purpose. All such persons must comply, to the extent reasonably possible, with Social Distancing Requirements, as defined in Section 2 below. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted consistent with this intent. A violation of any provision of this Order shall constitute an imminent threat and immediate menace to public health, and is a violation of the Tule River Communicable Disease Ordinance (Ordinance No. FY 2020-10).

2. The Use of Face Coverings.

a. Guideline

- i. For purposes of this order, “Social Distancing Requirements” includes maintaining at least six feet of physical distance from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer after each contact with another individual, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.**

b. Requirements

- i. Face coverings must cover both the mouth and nose unless the individual is exempt under subsection 2(c) of this Order.**
- ii. All persons on any tribal property must wear face coverings when in situations listed below:**
 - 1. Inside of, or in line to enter, any shared indoor space unless exempted by the Tribal Health Officer for specific public settings.**
 - 2. Obtaining services from the healthcare sector in settings including, but not limited to, a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank; unless otherwise directed by an employee or health care professional**



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- 3. Waiting for or riding on public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle.**
- 4. Driving or operating any public transportation or paratransit vehicle, taxi, or private car service or ride-sharing vehicle when passengers are present. When no passengers are present, face coverings are strongly recommended.**
- 5. While outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence is not feasible.**

c. The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face covering:

- 1. Persons age 2 years and under. These very young children need not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.**
- 2. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.**
- 3. Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication while maintaining a distance of six (6) feet or more.**
- 4. Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.**
- 5. Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.**
- 6. Persons who are seated at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, while they are eating or drinking, provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.**
- 7. Persons who are engaged in outdoor work or recreation such as swimming, walking, hiking, bicycling, or running, when alone or with household members, and when they can maintain a**



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distance of at least six feet from others who are not part of the
same household or residence.

- d. The provisions of this Section 2 shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with Tribal law, including but not limited to Tribal Ordinances and Tribal Council resolutions.
3. Pursuant to Tribal Resolution No. FY2020-110, the Public Health Authority requests that Chief of Police of the Tule River Tribal Police enforce this Order to ensure compliance with its provisions. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and an immediate menace to public health.
 4. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 3, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 2020, unless extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Public Health Authority.
 5. The Public Health Authority must promptly provide copies of this Order as follows: (1) by posting on the Tule River Indian Health Center Inc., website (www.trihci.org/covid-19) (2) by posting at the Tule River Tribal Council Administration Building; and (3) by providing a copy to any member of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public requesting a copy.
 6. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then 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. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Leah Williams
Tribal Health Officer
Public Health Authority
Tule River Indian Tribe of California

Dated: July 2, 2020