

**RESOLUTION**  
COLORADO RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL

A Resolution to **Modify the Mandate to Wear Face Coverings in Response to CDC Guidance and Increased Vaccinations.**

Be it resolved by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation, in *SPECIAL* meeting assembled on May 28, 2021

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes (hereinafter "CRIT" or "Tribes") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, duly organized with a tribal governing body known as the Tribal Council according to the provisions contained in the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1(v) of the Constitution of the Colorado River Indian Tribes authorizes the Tribal Council to promulgate ordinances and resolutions providing for the administration of the health, education and welfare of members of the tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes approved Resolution 98-20 on June 22, 2020 mandating the wearing of face coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, due to a significant reduction in COVID-19 cases throughout the country and the availability and on-going administering of COVID-19 vaccination to all eligible individuals the CDC has issued guidance that permits facemasks to be removed in certain circumstance when an individual has been fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, the definition of "fully vaccinated," according to the CDC is: two shots of Moderna or Pfizer plus two weeks after the second vaccine; or one shot of Johnson & Johnson plus two full weeks after that vaccine.

The foregoing resolution was on May 28, 2021 duly approved by a vote of 5 for, 2 against and 0 abstaining, by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, pursuant to authority vested in it by Sections 1.v., Article VI of the Constitution and By laws of the Tribes, ratified by the Tribes on March 1, 1975 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1975, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934, (46 Stat. 984). This resolution is effective as of the date of its adoption.

**COLORADO RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL**

By

  
Chairwoman

  
Secretary

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes that the Colorado River Indian Tribes hereby replaces Resolution 98-20 with the following face mask guidance:

1. Face masks or covering must completely cover the nose and mouth; and
2. Facemasks are not required when individuals are outside; and
3. Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear facemasks while indoors except where the business maintains a facemask requirement for everyone regardless of vaccination status; and
4. All individuals aged 2 and over that have not been fully vaccinated must continue to wear a facemask in any indoor public location; and
5. Businesses within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation still have the discretion to continue to require facemasks be worn by all patrons since there is no effective way to monitor those who have been vaccinated; and
6. Face masks are still required to be worn by staff in congregate-care facilities, and where employees care for those who are more vulnerable to COVID-19, including hospitals, clinics, detention facilities, nursing homes, dialysis facilities, and medical transport; and
7. Any business, government office, church, or other entity must verify all employees are in fact vaccinated if they are permitted to not wear a facemask indoors; and
8. When permitting the public into CRIT tribal offices or enterprises facemasks are still required for the public as there is no effective way to monitor those who have been vaccinated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect June 1, 2021 and shall remain until Tribal Council, in consultation with public health officials and the CRIT Incident Command Team, determines that the threat has decreased or increased and the mandate needs to be further modified; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council Chairwoman and Secretary, or their designated representatives, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to implement this action.