

RESOLUTION
COLORADO RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL

A Resolution to **Modify the Mandate to Wear Face Coverings to Slow the Spread of COVID-19**

Be it resolved by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation, in *special* meeting assembled on June 9, 2022.

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 resolutions to provide for the administration of the health, education, and welfare of members of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, CRIT declared an emergency on March 13, 2020 in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) contagion outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council passed Resolution No. 98-20 and 254-21 that mandated the wearing of face coverings by all staff and individuals on the Colorado River Indian Reservation tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, with the increase in vaccinations, current status of low case transmission and re-opening of the CRIT economy at 100% the face mask mandate can be modified in accordance with the most recent CDC recommendations; and

WHEREAS, CRIT received direction from its consulting physician Dr. Dwivedi supporting a modification to the current mandate.

The foregoing resolution was on June 9, 2022 duly approved by a vote of 5 for, 0 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.

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By



Chairwoman



Secretary

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes to modify the mandate for wearing of face coverings adopting the CDC guidance as follows:

COVID-19 transmission levels for La Paz County as reported by the CDC shall determine the face covering requirements.

Low transmission: Individuals wear a mask based on personal preference, informed by personal risk. Businesses, schools, and other entities are not mandated to require face mask but can choose to require face mask of employees and/or patrons.

Medium transmission: If you are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe illness talk to your healthcare provider about additional precautions, such as wearing masks or respirators in public and those who live with or have social contact with someone at high risk for severe illness should consider testing for infection before getting together and wearing a face mask indoors with them. Businesses, school, and other entities are not mandated to require face masks but can choose to require face masks or employees and/or patrons.

High transmission: Wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status or individual risk. All businesses, schools, and other entities shall be required to enforce the wearing of face masks by employees and patrons in accordance with Resolution No. 254-21.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all employees of the Colorado River Indian Tribes are required to wear face coverings indoor regardless of transmission status until further modification by Tribal Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED departments and enterprises can continue to require visitors and clients to wear face masks indoors based upon individual department and employee risks in accordance with approved COVID-19 mitigation plans at low and medium transmission levels; and

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

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED 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 Resolution.