

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 September 8, 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 an 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; and

WHEREAS, many areas where Tribal Members and employees of the Tribes are traveling off the Colorado River Indian Reservation no longer require masks, except in special settings such as some – not all – medical facilities; and

The foregoing resolution was on September 8, 2022 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.

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By



Chairwoman



Secretary

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WHEREAS, the current CDC guidelines are impractical to implement as a mandate since they can change on a weekly basis in accordance with transmission; and

WHEREAS, due to higher rates of vaccination and prior infection rates hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19 are much lower than during the height of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, CRIT can still require employees to wear masks to protect the workforce and permit voluntary mask compliance among guests in tribal buildings and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes to modify the mandate that the wearing of face coverings by visitors and guests to the Colorado River Indian Reservation is optional but remains strongly encouraged during times of high transmission and for those who are immunocompromised; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all employees of the Colorado River Indian Tribes are still required to wear face coverings indoors while on duty until further modifications by Tribal Council; 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.