

ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. C20-6



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**ADDENDUM TO LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER C20-06, ISSUED  
MAY 21, 2020: GUIDANCE ON FACE COVERINGS REQUIREMENT**

**DATE OF ADDENDUM ORDER: May 28, 2020  
ORDER No. C20-06, A1**

**Effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice**

**Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.**

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ("HEALTH OFFICER") ORDERS:

1. The Public Health emergency posed by the COVID-19 virus is requiring intervention to prevent transmission of the virus in the community. A person who has the COVID-19 virus may be contagious to others, regardless of whether they are symptomatic. Failure to wear a mask poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others.

The face-coverings requirement is not intended to protect the wearer from the community. The requirement for face coverings is intended to protect individuals in the community from the wearer, who may inadvertently expose others to COVID-19, especially in the early stages of infection, when the person has no symptoms but is contagious.

Lake County Public Health Order C20-06, issued May 21, 2020, requires wearing face coverings when entering all local businesses and facilities. Order C20-06 shall remain in effect, except as clarified herein.

This Addendum is issued to clarify that those for whom complying with Order C20-06 would cause difficulty breathing, or other adverse physical or emotional consequences, are exempt from the face-covering requirement when entering local businesses.

2. No written documentation of the exemption is now required. However, individuals must still account for the direct threat to the health and safety of others posed by their inability to wear a face covering.

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3. Persons unable to wear face coverings when entering local businesses and facilities must maintain a minimum physical distance of 6 feet between themselves and persons who are not family/household members at all times, unless protective shielding between such persons is in place.
4. A governmental entity, business owner, or operator may, to the extent authorized by law, refuse admission or service to any customer or visitor who fails to wear a face covering.

Business includes any for-profit, non-profit, or educational entity, whether a corporate entity, organization, partnership or sole proprietorship, and regardless of the nature of the service, the function it performs, or its corporate or entity structure.

5. Supplemental Local Order: Given ongoing State Orders prohibiting non-essential travel, the County of Lake shall continue to require lodging facilities to apply for and be granted exemptions from the Health Department for lodging of essential workers.

The State Orders, Resiliency Roadmap, and guidance for business are located at the following sites:

- <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#top>
- <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

6. The Health Officer will continue to assess this quickly evolving situation; this Order is subject to review and further amendment after the Governor issues further guidance, or upon any substantive changes to the State Stay at Home Order, or as conditions change in Lake County.
7. Copies of Order. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of Lake Public Health Office, 922 Bevins Court, Lakeport, California, 95453; (2) posted on the Lake County Public Health Department website and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
8. Severability. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, 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:**

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Gary Pace, MD, MPH

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Date

Health Officer, County of Lake