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**Misinformation Related to Health Orders a Concern for
Lake County Businesses**

A Statement from the County of Lake's Health Services Department

LAKE COUNTY, CA (September 18, 2020) –The County of Lake's Health Services Department recently received questions from local businesses prompted by social media messages challenging the statewide Face Covering Mandate. Business owners are understandably concerned to provide a safe environment for their staff and patrons. Your businesses will not be placed at legal risk by properly following Public Health Orders.

All Californians, unless specifically exempt, are **required** to wear face coverings in “high-risk situations,” including most circumstances where individuals would be expected to interact with people outside of their immediate household. This mandate is described in the California Department of Public Health's Guidance and reinforced by July 13 Public Health Orders:

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings_06-18-2020.pdf

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/SHO%20Order%20Dimming%20Entire%20State%207-13-2020.pdf>

State Face Covering resources are available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/masks-and-ppe/>. Use of face coverings is a vital part of the State's strategy to safely facilitate as much business activity as possible: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19CountyMonitoringOverview.aspx>

Answers to many Frequently Asked Questions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and State Orders can be found at <https://covid19.ca.gov>.

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