FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Mask Order | 2020-08

Link to the mask order.

How was the date of December 14, 2020 chosen?
This date was chosen because the incubation period for COVID-19 is thought to extend to 14 days and this timeframe will allow for two incubation cycles to occur.

Are private businesses required to follow the criteria?
Yes.

Are home day cares (licensed & non-licensed) and pre-schools required to follow the criteria?
Yes. There would be an exception in a home day care setting if the children are close relatives (i.e. grandchildren).

Are private schools required to follow the criteria?
Yes.

What if the private school is in a religious facility?
Yes, it would apply. Students may be exempt if they are attending a religious service.

Is there a penalty if this order is not followed?
Yes, a violation of Executive Order 2020-43 is an infraction with a fine up to $1000.

Who enforces violations?
Law enforcement.
Should I follow the local requirements or the state requirements?
Individuals should follow the state requirements unless more stringent local requirements have been enacted.

Can masks cause carbon dioxide build-up?
Properly fitted masks offer adequate airflow while still covering your nose and mouth. This makes the accumulation of carbon dioxide impossible.

People with breathing problems, children under age 2, and those who can't remove the mask without assistance should not wear one.

Do I need to wear a mask if I've already had COVID-19 or had an antibody test?
Yes. There is no way to know whether having COVID once provides immunity from the virus again or how long that immunity might last.

Are individuals required to follow the mask order while on or visiting tribal businesses?
Individuals should follow the requirements set by tribal authorities.

Are funerals and weddings considered religious services?
Yes. If a wedding or funeral takes place in a church or other facility dedicated to religious practice, it is a religious service. Services that take place in ballrooms or event venues should follow Smart Restart guidelines and face coverings would be required.