



ORDER OF THE BI-COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER FOR SUTTER AND YUBA COUNTIES



TERMINATION OF THE LOCAL FACIAL COVERING ORDER TO RECONCILE THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER ORDER WITH CDC AND CDPH CURRENT GUIDANCE

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. May 5, 2021

**By the authority of Dr. Phuong Luu
Yuba-Sutter Health Officer**

Please read this Order carefully. This Order issued by the Bi-County Public Health Officer to terminate the May 2020 Local Health Officer Facial Coverings Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. May 5, 2021. Any and all prior violations of the previous orders remain prosecutable, criminally or civilly. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 120295 et seq., California Penal Code sections 69 and 148(a)(1), California Government Code section 8665, violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 101040, 101085 AND 120175 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, THE BI-COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER FOR SUTTER AND YUBA COUNTIES HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Purpose: The current Yuba-Sutter Health Officer Order Directing Persons in Sutter County and Yuba County to Wear Face Coverings, Exceptions and Exemptions as Specified, was issued on May 4, 2020 with no expiration date. The guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has evolved significantly in the past few weeks regarding the circumstances and situations in which face coverings are indicated, specifically for fully vaccinated individuals. With this substantial change, there is now a large discrepancy between the Yuba-Sutter Local Health Officer Facial Coverings Order and the current CDC and CDPH’s guidance. To minimize confusion for residents of Yuba County and Sutter County, the current Local Health Officer Order Directing Persons in Sutter County and Yuba County to Wear Face Coverings, Exceptions, and Exemptions as Specified, **is hereby terminated**. All Yuba County and Sutter County residents are recommended to follow the directions and guidance of the CDC and CDPH in regards to facial coverings wear and use.

Background: In the past year, evidence regarding the importance of facial covering use as a key COVID-19 transmission mitigation measure has been continually strengthened. Studies have shown that mask wearing not only serves as a critical source control measure (limiting one’s respiratory

droplets from entering the general airspace) but also as a filtration mechanism (limiting one's exposure to other persons' respiratory droplets when in the same airspace). We have also learned that ventilation is another vital consideration for COVID-19 transmission with outdoor spaces with their improved ventilation much safer than indoor spaces.

One year later we are in a different landscape in the COVID-19 response with the robust rollout of highly effective vaccine available for all person age 16 years and older. In the near future, we also expect to extend vaccine eligibility to those younger than 16 years old. The current knowledge shows that those who are fully vaccinated have a low chance of being infected and if infected, transmitting the virus. All the body of scientific evidence has led the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to issue out on April 27, 2021 guidance that allows fully vaccinated individuals to not have to wear face coverings when outdoors and interacting in non-crowded settings. On May 3, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued out guidance for fully vaccinated individuals and guidance for facial coverings use that align with CDC's. We fully expect that as more of the public get vaccinated, the CDC and CDPH will continue to update their guidance.

Please be further advised that notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, all persons in the State of California are required to comply with the Executive Orders of the Governor, the Orders of the State Public Health Officer, and any Guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health.

Scope of this Order:

This Order terminates, rescinds, and supersedes the following:

May 4, 2020 Directing Persons in Sutter County and Yuba County to Wear Face Coverings, Exceptions and Exemptions as Specified

Effective

time. This Order shall become effective and operative at 12:01 a.m. on May 5, 2021.

Copies of Copies of this Order shall promptly be made available at www.yuba.org/coronavirus
Order. and www.suttercounty.org/doc/government/depts/cao/em/coronavirus and provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Phuong Luu, MD, MHS, FACP
Bi-County Public Health Officer for the Counties of Sutter and Yuba