



MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

NON-REMOVABLE MILLE LACS BANDS OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER 20-01

A COMMISSIONER'S ORDER REQUIRING INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR A MASK OR CLOTH FACE COVERING IN GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AND BAND-OWNED BUSINESSES

Section 1. Policy

The Commissioner of Human Services finds the following:

- (a) The Chief Executive declared a State of Emergency for the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Bands of Chippewa Indians on March 15, 2020 in response to the worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19 virus;
- (b) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings to slow the spread of the virus;
- (c) Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-56 on May 13, 2020 to begin safely reopening Minnesota's economy and strongly recommended Minnesotans to wear masks and face coverings when leaving their homes; and
- (d) It is necessary to continue to protect the health and safety of Mille Lacs Band members and other individuals;

Section 2. Requirements

- (a) Any individual who is over the age of two and able to medically tolerate a face covering shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a cloth face covering or medical-grade mask when in Band government facilities and Band-owned businesses within the Band's territorial jurisdiction.
- (b) All government personnel entering government facilities and employees of Band-owned businesses within the Band's territorial jurisdiction shall wear a cloth face covering or medical-grade mask when engaged in face-to-face contact with the public.
- (c) All government personnel who enter Band member residences for the purpose of providing any public services shall wear a cloth face covering or medical-grade mask and disposable gloves.

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Section 3. Definitions

The following meanings apply to this Commissioner's Order:

- (1) "cloth face-covering" means a covering that fully covers a person's nose and mouth, but is not a medical-grade mask;
- (2) "medical-grade mask" means an N95, KN95, surgical, or other mask that would be appropriate for a healthcare setting or a setting in which direct patient care is provided.

Section 4. Effectiveness

This Commissioner's Order shall become effective immediately and expire on August 31, 2020.

Executed on May 27, 2020.



Commissioner of Health & Human Services, Nicole Anderson

Official Seal of the Band

