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

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER 2022-02

**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:

- (1) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has identified the potential for rapid increase in infections of the new variant of SARS-CoV-2, the Omicron variant;
- (2) the CDC is monitoring the spread of the Omicron variant, as of December 20, 2021 the Omicron variant has been detected in most states and is rapidly increasing;
- (3) the CDC recommends wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission, regardless of vaccination status. Masks offer protection against all variants;
- (4) it is necessary to take preemptive measures in order to protect the health and safety of Mille Lacs Band members and other individuals from transmission of the Omicron variant.

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.

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 and Expiration

- (a) This Commissioner's Order will become effective on Tuesday February 1, 2022.
- (b) This Commissioner's Order will expire on February 28, 2022.

Executed on February 1, 2022.



Commissioner of Human Services, Nicole Anderson

