



MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER 2022-01

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:

- (1) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has identified the potential for rapid increase in infections of the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2;
- (2) the CDC is monitoring the spread of the Omicron variant and has determined that, 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; and
- (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.

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Section 4. Effectiveness and Expiration

- (a) This Commissioner's Order will become effective on Saturday January 1, 2022.
- (b) This Commissioner's Order will expire on January 31, 2022.

Executed on January 1, 2022.



Commissioner of Human Services, Nicole Anderson

