



# 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 2022-03

#### A COMMISSIONER'S ORDER REQUIRING INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR A MASK OR CLOTH FACE COVERING IN GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

##### Section 1. Policy

The Commissioner of Human Services finds that, while the spread of the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 has slowed, wearing a well-fitted mask helps protect individuals by reducing the chance of spreading COVID-19, based on recommendations by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

##### 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 face covering or medical-grade mask when in Band government facilities within the Band's territorial jurisdiction.
- (b) All government personnel entering government facilities shall wear a 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 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:
  - (a) completely covers the nose and mouth;
  - (b) is made with two or more layers of a breathable fabric that is tightly woven (*i.e.*, fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source);
  - (c) is secured to the head with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head. If gaiters are worn, they should have two layers of fabric or be folded to make two layers;
  - (d) fits snugly over the nose, mouth, and chin with no large gaps on the outside of the face; and
  - (e) is a solid piece of material without slits, exhalation valves, visible holes, punctures, or other openings;

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- (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 March 1, 2022.  
(b) This Commissioner’s Order will expire on Thursday March 31, 2022.

Executed on March 1, 2022.



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Commissioner of Human Services, Nicole Anderson

