

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PERSONS, REGARDLESS OF COVID-19
VACCINATION STATUS, WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN COUNTY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Lake County's COVID-19 case rate continues to trend significantly upward and the Delta Variant, known to be present in Lake County is considered by the Center for Disease Control to be hyper-transmissible and highly infectious; and

WHEREAS, the employees of the County of Lake perform perform functions essential to the continuing operations of the County and which facilitate the public's business as well as functions which protect the health, safety, and welfare of all County residents; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the present open status of County offices to the public while making efforts to protect County employees and members of the public from the spread of COVID-19 during the State of Emergency, it is necessary to implement certain safety precautions; and

WHEREAS, while no protective measures can provide assurance that COVID-19 will not be transmitted, the Board of Supervisors desires to take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of the public and of County employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered by Article XI, section 7 of the California Constitution with police power, authorizing the Board to take actions determined to be necessary to protect public, health, welfare and safety; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 25123 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to adopt, by four-fifths vote, an ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety with a declaration of the facts constituting the urgency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. The above recitals are true and correct, are incorporated herein by reference and hereby establish the factual basis constituting the urgent need supporting the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section Two. The following safety practices must be observed while the present COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to exist, or until otherwise ordered by the Board of Supervisors:

- a. All persons, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, entering a County facility shall wear face masks/coverings of their own devise or wear a face mask provided free of charge by the County of Lake during that period when inside a County facility.
- b. Notwithstanding the above-described requirements, the safety precautions in the County superior courts shall be determined by the local judiciary.

Section Three. County-provided face masks shall be available to the public at the front entrance areas of all County facilities, at the customer service counters of all County facilities, and at elevator entrances.

Section Four. Persons who refuse to utilize a face mask in County facilities may be refused service.

Section Five. Any person who has a medical or other condition that precludes the use of a face mask/covering shall, prior to coming to the County facility, contact the County or the Court to request and be granted

alternate arrangements for the provision of service. Such alternate arrangements may include a remote interaction.

Section Six. It can be seen with a certainty that there is no possibility that this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment.

Section Seven. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict and no further.

Section Eight. This Ordinance shall take effect on the _____ day of _____, 2021 and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, it shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Lake.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced before the Board of Supervisors and passed by the following vote on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: COUNTY OF LAKE

Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: CAROL J. HUCHINGSON
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANITA L. GRANT
County Counsel