

County of Imperial
Order of the Health Officer

Pursuant to sections 101040, 120175, and 120175.5(b) of the California Health and Safety Code, the Imperial County Health Officer (“Health Officer”) hereby **ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

Effective 12:00 am on Friday, April 10, 2020, and continuing until rescinded, the following will be in effect for the County of Imperial (“County”):

1. Recent information released by the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), and other State and federal agencies has shown that the use of face coverings may assist in reducing asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19. Specifically, individuals who may have unknowingly contracted COVID-19 may be able to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19 to others by using face coverings in addition to social distancing, hand washing, and other preventative measures recommended by CDPH and CDC.
2. To assist in protecting their fellow citizens and preventing the transmission of COVID-19, all residents and visitors of the County of Imperial shall wear face coverings when leaving their residences or places of shelter, and are likely to come into contact with other members of the public. Areas where individuals are likely to come into contact with other members of the public include, but are not limited to, grocery stores, department stores, pharmacies, restaurants, and other businesses that allow public access.
3. Face coverings shall be required for all essential critical infrastructure workers, as identified in Executive Order N-33-20 and the list of essential critical infrastructures workers developed by the CDPH, while working at their respective places of employment and are likely to have direct contact with other members of the public, or are unable to maintain a minimum of six (6) feet of separation with other coworkers at all times.
4. “Face coverings,” as used in this Order, include but are not limited to, scarves (dense fabrics without holes), bandanas, neck gaiters, and other coverings that completely cover the nose and mouth, fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, can be secured with ties, ear loops, or other fasteners, and allow for breathing without restriction.
5. The use of N95 masks or other personal protective equipment for non-medical reasons is highly discouraged.
6. Face coverings shall be used in conjunction with social distancing, hand washing, and other prevention guidelines issued by the CDPH and CDC.
7. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, business, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid, preempted,

or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

8. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference any applicable federal, State, or local law, regulation rule, policies, or procedure related to COVID-19, as they may be amended or supplemented.
9. To protect the public's health, the Health Officer may take additional action(s) for failure to comply with this Order. Violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both under sections 120295 et seq. of the California Health and Safety Code. Further, pursuant to sections 26602 and 41601 of the California Government Code, and section 101029 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and the Chiefs of Police in all cities located in the County ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order.
10. This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: April 9, 2020



Stephen Munday, M.D., MPH
Health Officer