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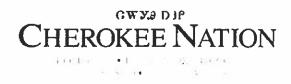
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## Executive Order 2021-02-CTH (Amending 2020-02-CTH)

- 1. AUTHORITY: The Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation.
- 2. POLICY: The executive powers to administer the operations of programs are authorized by law in accordance with the terms of the Constitution. The Principal Chief has a fundamental responsibility to faithfully execute the laws of the Nation and to provide executive direction over the departments, programs, disciplines and delivery of services that are essential to the Nation.
- 3. PURPOSE: The purpose of this order is to amend Executive Order 2020-02-CTH. relating to the wearing of masks and the observance of other safety measures inside any property owned or operated by Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation entities as a measure to protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the Cherokee Nation and the world. Cherokee Nation has led the effort to respond to, and begin recovery from, the impacts of the pandemic. This includes the imposition of mask mandates, other workplace safety measures, food security efforts, public health messaging, COVID-19 testing, and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. As part of COVID-19 response, the Cherokee Nation executive branch imposed unprecedented health and safety requirements on not only Cherokee Nation, but Cherokee Nation entities, including Cherokee Nation Businesses. Such measures were a necessary departure from the normal order of Cherokee Nation operations, which includes deference to local day-to-day operational decision making by Cherokee Nation entities. These extraordinary efforts have contributed to a present environment in which the spread of the virus is greatly reduced, hospitalization rates and relatively low and vaccines are readily available to Cherokee citizens and others in our communities. While COVID-19 remains a threat; present conditions, relative to the conditions present at the execution of Executive Order 2020-02-CTH, warrant amendment of said Order. More specifically, it warrants the restoration of entity-level decision making on COVID-19 safety measures, within certain parameters set forth herein.
- 4. ORDER: It is hereby ordered that Executive Order 2020-02-CTH is amended via this order, including by striking paragraph 4 of that order and replacing said paragraph with paragraph 4 of this order.





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- 3. PURPOSE: The COVID-19 virus pande ric has impacted the Cherokee Nation and the world. Through efforts of medical staff and health care professionals, we understand the importance of social distancing and the use of face coverings to limit the spread of the virus. In addition to sanitation and personal health efforts, the use of face coverings (masks) is recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- 4. ORDER: It is bereby ordered that any person over the age of two (2) who is located inside any property owned or operated by Cherokee Nation or Cherokee Nation entities, shall cover his her mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face covering. Any person who is or works outdoors on property owned or operated by Cherokee Nat'on must maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from all other people, if an individual cannot maintain such a distance from all others, the individual will be required to cover his her mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face covering.

It is further ordered, that any employee of Cherokee Nation or its entities who fails to wear a mask as required during work hours shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

It is further ordered, all citizens, clients, and the general public, including children accompanying a parent or guardian shall be required to wear a mask at all properties owned or operated by Cherokee Nation or its entities. Cherokee Nation and its entitites will provide masks for use by a Lindividuals. I imployees of Cherokee Nation or its entities are hereby prohibited from allowing entrance, serving or otherwise interacting with any citizen, patient, customer, client, or individual who is not wearing the required face covering. All individuals not wearing a face covering shall be promptly escorted from the premises until such time that face coverings are properly used by the employee, citizen or general public.

Children under the age of ten (10) who are enrolled in child care services provided by Cherokee Nation are exempt from this Order while they are receiving care onsite.

It is so ordered on this 27th of May, 2020, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by action of the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

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