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TRINITY COUNTY – As Coronavirus continues to pose a threat to Trinity County residents, the Trinity County Public Health Branch (TCPHB) would like to reiterate the process of providing sufficient information designed to protect the public while continuing to protect individual privacy under the law.

The variables that influence the type of information released to the public include:

- The degree of risk to the public if information is not provided.
- Ensure personal identifiable information continues to be protected and no information released can lead to public identification of an individual.
- Level of compliance with state orders on masking, social distancing, closures, and gatherings. The State Health Officer Order can be viewed here:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>
- TCPHB's ability to obtain accurate and essential information from individuals during contact investigation and contact tracing such as locations visited during infective period, whether or not a face covering was worn, close contacts during infective period, and potential source of infection.

TCPHP will release information that serves the necessity of protecting the public while also ensuring individual privacy under the law. Information for purposes of alerting the public on sources of potential exposure may include:

- Geographic location;
- Business entities;
- Schools;
- Public gatherings;
- Congregate settings such as Hospital, Jail, skilled nursing facility;
- County Agencies



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- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

As a reminder, the California Department of Public Health and Governor Newsom's mandate states that people in California must wear face coverings when they are in the high-risk situations listed below:

- Inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space;
- Obtaining services from the healthcare sector in settings including, but not limited to, a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank;
- Waiting for or riding on public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle;
- Engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work off-site, when:
 - Interacting in-person with any member of the public;
 - Working in any space visited by members of the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time;
 - Working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others;
 - Working in or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities;
 - In any room or enclosed area where other people (except for members of the person's own household or residence) are present when unable to physically distance.
 - Driving or operating any public transportation or paratransit vehicle, taxi, or private car service or ride-sharing vehicle when passengers are present. When no passengers are present, face coverings are strongly recommended.
 - While outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence is not feasible.

The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face covering:

- Persons younger than two years old. These very young children must not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.



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- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
- Persons who are seated at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, while they are eating or drinking, provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.
- Persons who are engaged in outdoor work or recreation such as swimming, walking, hiking, bicycling, or running, when alone or with household members, and when they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet from others
- Persons who are incarcerated. Prisons and jails, as part of their mitigation plans, will have specific guidance on the wearing of face coverings or masks for both inmates and staff.

Note: Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition who are employed in a job involving regular contact with others should wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

The guidance document can be viewed as the following link:

www.cdph.ca.gov/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings

We want to thank our communities for their input and assistance in keeping all of Trinity County residents safe during this challenging time.