



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
RESCINDING PRIOR ORDER THAT MANDATED THE WEARING OF FACE
COVERINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE GUIDANCE**

ORDER NO. HO-COVID19-44

DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 25, 2021

Summary of the Order

This Order of the Health Officer rescinds Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-22 (the “Prior Order”), effective immediately. This Order eliminates local requirements with regard to the wearing of face coverings to slow the spread of the virus that causes Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”). Individuals in Contra Costa County (“County”) are reminded that the State of California mandates that people wear face coverings when outside the home unless an exemption applies.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040 and 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

- 1. Basis of Order.** On July 5, 2020, the Health Officer issued Health Officer Order No. COVID19-22, which required all individuals in the County to wear face coverings in accordance with guidance issued by the State of California to slow the spread of COVID-19. Since then, the State updated its face coverings guidance and clarified that the updated guidance is mandatory (see <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>). The Health Officer has determined that there is no need for the Prior Order now given the State’s face covering mandate.
- 2. Rescission of Prior Order.** HO-COVID19-22 is hereby rescinded.
- 3. Effective Date and Time.** This Order takes effect immediately upon issuance.
- 4. Copies; Contact Information.** Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the Office of the Director of Contra Costa Health Services, 1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 200, Martinez, CA 94553; (2) posted on the Contra Costa Health Services website



(<https://www.cchealth.org>); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order. Questions or comments regarding this Order may be directed to Contra Costa Health Services at (844) 729-8410.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

March 25, 2021

Chris Farnitano, M.D.
Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa

