

1 **Lincoln County Public Health Administrator**  
2 **And Lincoln County Health Officer**  
3 **Directive**  
4 **Order 6/16/2020**

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6 As the Public Health Administrator for Lincoln County, Oregon, together with the Health  
7 Officer for Lincoln County Oregon, pursuant to national, State of Oregon, Lincoln County and  
8 the cities of Lincoln County's<sup>1</sup> cumulative declarations of emergency due to the COVID-19  
9 virus, and authority granted to us under state and local law<sup>2</sup> we issue this Directive. We find  
10 that there are numerous local, state<sup>3</sup>, and national guidelines designed to stop the pandemic  
11 spread of the COVID-19 virus that warrant application in Lincoln County.

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13 Lincoln County has seen a recent spike in COVID 19 confirmed cases.<sup>4</sup> We find, based  
14 on the science and data reviewed by us as your local public health officials that:

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16 (1) A significant risk of spread of the disease in the community will continue. The number  
17 and frequency of exposures can potentially increase the spread of the disease in Lincoln  
18 County.  
19 (2) The age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of Lincoln County  
20 and its local cities places it at risk for serious health complications from COVID-19. Those  
21 complications could include hospitalization and possible death.  
22 (3) Individuals can be infected and contagious before or even without developing symptoms  
23 (pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic), and the evidence suggests a significant number of  
24 infections may be transmitted in this manner.  
25 (4) The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") confirmed that a  
26 significant number of individuals who are infected remain asymptomatic and that as many as  
27 25 percent of these individuals may contribute to transmission of the virus that causes COVID-  
28 19.  
29 (5) On April 3, 2020, the CDC recommended that members of the public should cover their  
30 noses and mouths with a cloth face covering to prevent inadvertently spreading COVID-19

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<sup>1</sup>Emergency declarations originally dated March 13, 2020 and ratified and extended by the Board of Commissioners several times most recently through July 8, 2020 ( Resolutions #20-18-3A; #20-18-3B; #20-20-4B; #20-18-5A; #20-18-5B; and #20-15-6B) necessitated by the COVID -19 pandemic crisis which is threatening citizens of Lincoln County; separate emergency declarations adopted by the Cities of Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo, Depoe Bay, Yachats and Waldport; the emergency declaration of State of Oregon dated March 8, 2020 (currently extended through July 6, 2020 by the Governor) finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety and constitutes a statewide emergency under ORS 401.025(1); and the declaration of a national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID -19) originally outbreak adopted on March 13, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> The authority for this Order is found under , but is not limited to, ORS 203.035; ORS Chapters 431, 431A, and 433; Lincoln County Ordinance # 502 (Emergency Services; not yet codified); and the Lincoln County Emergency Services Plan adopted by Board Order No. 8-18-206.

<sup>3</sup> These include but are not limited to Oregon Governor's Executive Orders 20-3 through 20-28 including Stay Home / Stay Alive instituting stay at home and social distancing measures among other actions as modified by the Safe and Strong Oregon (Phase 2) framework.

<sup>4</sup> Reporting 10 confirmed cases on May 31, 2020. As of June 15, 2020, there were 206 confirmed cases. These include outbreak(s) as well as community spread cases.

1 while interacting with others outside their homes in public settings where other social  
2 distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

3 (6) On June 11, 2020, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) issued Mask and Face Covering  
4 Guidance for Business, Transit and the Public. That Guidance includes recommendations that  
5 face coverings be worn by the public in public settings where the six foot minimum physical  
6 distancing cannot be maintained and in settings like grocery stores and pharmacies where  
7 vulnerable people are present and physical distancing is hard to maintain.

8 (7) Lincoln County, with the assistance of the State of Oregon and through our Emergency  
9 Services Department and other partners, is providing to first responders, essential workers, staff  
10 and clients of long term care facilities, and now to the general public a significant supply, in  
11 the tens of thousands, of face masks for personal or work use.

12 (8) State and local law empower us as local public health officials to take actions to control  
13 and prevent the spread of contagious or infectious disease within Lincoln County.

14 (9) Face coverings, properly used and maintained, are an important tool in the tool kit of  
15 public health responses to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Lincoln County. Wearing face  
16 coverings as outlined below are a reasonable and appropriate measure to maintain the health  
17 and control and prevent the spread of COVID-19

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20 Therefore, we are issuing this Directive through Order 6/16/2020 as follows:

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22 **Face coverings requirements herein do not replace the primary need for people to**  
23 **continue to practice social distancing (physically separated by a minimum of 6 feet),**  
24 **staying at home when ill, frequently washing hands with soap or sanitizer, and avoiding**  
25 **touching one's face.**

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27 In order to avoid spreading respiratory droplets and to minimize transmission to others of  
28 the virus that causes COVID-19, all individuals in Lincoln County shall wear face coverings  
29 over their noses and mouths when they will be at (1) indoor public settings or (2) outdoor public  
30 locations and cannot maintain distancing of approximately six feet from another individual who  
31 does not share their household. Individual's should use coverings including paper, disposable  
32 or fabric/ cloth face masks, scarves and bandana coverings or other material as recommended  
33 by CDC (including face shields). All face coverings should be worn properly to avoid  
34 contaminating the hands or face of the user. Before putting on a face covering and after  
35 removing a face covering, persons should clean their hands with alcohol -based hand sanitizer  
36 or soap and water, change coverings when moist and wash the covering after use if washable.  
37 While in use, avoid touching the face covering. Worn face coverings may be contaminated with  
38 infectious agents

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40 The following individuals do not need to comply with this Directive:

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- 42 ● Persons with health/medical conditions that preclude or are exacerbated by wearing a face  
43 covering.
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  - 45 ● Children under the age of 12. Children over the age of 2 but under the age of 12 are  
46 encouraged to wear face coverings but not required to do so.

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- 3 • Persons with disabilities that prevents them from using the face covering as described in
  - 4 this Directive. These persons must be reasonably accommodated to allow them access to
  - 5 goods and services.
  - 6 • People of color who have heightened concerns about racial profiling and harassment due
  - 7 to wearing face coverings in public.
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9 This Directive applies to any indoor public setting or outdoor public location where a

10 person will be in within six feet of another individual, who does not share the same household.

11 It does not apply to restaurants, bars or other eating establishment operating in conformance

12 with Phase 1 or 2 Oregon Reopening requirements while the patron(s) are consuming food or

13 beverages on the premises.

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15 Nothing in this Directive replaces or eliminates other requirements imposed by the state

16 of Oregon, including the Governor's Executive Orders and Oregon Health Authority Guidance

17 or any other regulatory local, state or federal agency laws, rules and requirements. If there is a

18 conflict with such laws, rules or requirements, the more restrictive conditions shall apply.

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20 This Directive is self-executing. All persons in Lincoln County are expected to adhere

21 to its terms. Violation of the Directive does not constitute or create grounds for private persons

22 or public employees, including law enforcement, to stop, detain, issue a citation or undertake

23 any other enforcement action under Lincoln County Code Chapter 10 against a person or

24 persons who does not comply. No person shall intimidate or harass individuals who do not

25 comply. This Directive is intended to induce voluntary compliance and compliment education

26 and encouragement of use of face coverings to protect ourselves and our community.

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28 All commercial establishments in Lincoln County will be provided with a link to

29 download signage advising individuals to wear face coverings on the premises. Establishments

30 will be provided with a link for this purpose.

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32 This Directive will expire upon determination of Local Public Health Administrator and

33 the Local Health Officer.

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35 **We advise all people in Lincoln County, residents and visitors alike, to support the**

36 **health and well- being of the community by complying with this Directive without delay.**

Dated this 16th Day of June 2020



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