

FAQ's Regarding Executive Order No. 8 and the Mandatory Wearing of Masks

The Gila River Indian Community Executive order No.8 went into effect June 18, 2020. The following is information and answers to questions you may have on this Executive Order.

1. Question: Do I need to wear my mask in my own home?

Answer: No, but you should be cautious in your contacts with other people, including your family members if they are older than 65 or have a pre-existing condition that makes them vulnerable.

2. Question: Do I need to wear my mask in my car?

Answer: If you are in your car alone you do not need to wear your mask. If you are in your car with others, even family members, you are not required to wear it, but you should seriously consider it.

3. Question: Do I need to wear my mask when I am outside exercising?

Answer: No. As long as social distancing (6 feet) is maintained during exercise.

4. Question: Do I need to wear my mask when I am in a Community government building?

Answer: Yes. All Community government employees and visitors to Community government buildings are required to wear masks during work hours and continue to be within 6-feet of other employees and visitors.

5. Question: Do I need to wear my mask when I am in a business located on Reservation?

Answer: Yes. Community members and visitors to the Reservation are required to wear masks when in a business located on the Reservation. Employees of Community businesses are required to wear masks at all times to reduce respiratory disease transmission in the community workplaces.

6. Question: Will masks be made available?

Answer: Yes. Cloth masks are available for free at any District Service Center for Community residents. Cloth masks are available for Community employees through their Departments.

7. Question: Do children need to wear face masks as described in the above circumstances?

Answer: Yes, unless they have a medical condition where the face mask is not recommended by the child's medical doctor, or the child is under the age of 2.



8. Question: Do I have to wear a mask if I am within six (6) feet of immediate family members?

Answer: No, but it is recommended that you do so whenever possible.

9. Question: Will I be arrested or ticketed if I do not wear a mask?

Answer: No one will be arrested. All persons may be stopped by the Gila River Police Department for violating Executive Order No. 8. An offender will be issued an oral warning for the first violation and provided with a cloth mask by the police if available. A second violation will result in a written warning, and a third can result in a citation.

10. Question: Are there any exceptions to mask wearing?

Answer: Yes. The following are exceptions to mask wearing:

- a. For those who fall into the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance for those who should not wear face coverings due to a medical condition, mental health condition, developmental disability, or are otherwise covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act; or
- b. For children under 2 years old; or
- c. For restaurant patrons while they are dining; or
- d. For individuals exercising outdoors or while walking or exercising with other people from the same household, if social distancing from others (6 feet or more) who are not your family members can be maintained; or
- e. In settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, including when obtaining or rendering goods or services, such as the receipt of dental services or medical treatments.

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