



**RESOLUTION
OF THE
WIND RIVER INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL**



**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-111662
NABC RESOLUTION NO. NABC-2022-1518**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AUGUST 13, 2021, WIND
RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER.**

**WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION COVID-19
PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER**

Amendment Dated November 2, 2022

In an effort to stop the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Wind River Inter-Tribal Council finds it necessary to implement the following emergency measures to protect the citizens of both the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Tribes. The Order is effective immediately, and shall remain in effect until further notice.

Findings

1. COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in 2019, and since then has spread rapidly throughout countries around the globe.
2. The presence of the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant has been confirmed in the state of Wyoming. The Delta variant is considered more contagious than the previous variants of COVID-19 and is now the dominant variant in the United States.
3. The Delta variant is highly contagious, and is contributing to an increase in cases, including those with severe outcomes and those due to vaccine breakthrough infections.
4. Individuals who are fully vaccinated can still develop COVID-19, but are far less likely to get severely sick or die than those that have not been vaccinated.
5. Children eleven (11) and under are still unauthorized to receive the COVID-19 vaccine putting them at risk for exposure and contracting the virus.
6. The spread of the Delta variant has led to a recent increase in COVID-19 cases and an increase in hospitalizations. The current 7-day average for hospitalizations (July 28-August 3, 2021) shows a 40% increase from the prior 7-day average.

7. The new rise in COVID-19 cases put the citizens of the Wind River Indian Reservation at risk of serious health complications, including death. Although most individuals who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, people with mild symptoms, and even asymptomatic persons with COVID-19, place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk.
8. The Northern Arapaho Business Council and the Eastern Shoshone Business Council have decided to implement the following emergency guidelines, as the best manner of protecting the health of the citizens of the Wind River Reservation, particularly the children.
9. A large number of persons with serious infections has the ability to compromise the ability of healthcare systems on the Wind River Indian reservation and in Wyoming to deliver the necessary healthcare to the public.
10. Limitations on gatherings, mask mandates, and vaccination requirements are necessary to protect the public health and safety and are actions within the rights and powers of public health authorities and within the inherent powers of sovereign tribal nations acting on behalf of their citizens to protect the public health.
11. In addition to the above findings, stopping the spread of COVID-19 includes washing your hands often, practicing social distancing by avoiding close contact with others, staying at least six feet away from someone who is ill or showing signs of illness, avoid touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth, and covering your cough or sneeze with your elbow or by using a tissue.

ORDER MODIFYING THE RESERVATION MASK REQUIREMENT

1. Prior to this amendment, the Wind River Inter-Tribal Council (WRITC) had required that all individuals wear a mask covering entirely both the nose and mouth while inside or at outdoor gatherings and in all public and communal spaces.
2. As of November 14, 2022, the WRITC amends this provision to make the wearing of a mask optional with each business, government building, school, clinic, or healthcare facility being able to set its own policy regarding whether or not the wearing of a mask is required.
3. The authority to set mask policy and the enforcement thereof, has been delegated to Program Directors, CEO's, General Managers, or Boards.
4. **All Individuals entering a facility are required to follow the policy of the facility in regard to any and all mask requirements.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the above Order Modifying the Reservation Mask Requirement is to be implemented November 14, 2022; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, as the Chairmen of the Eastern Shoshone Business Council (ESBC) and the Chairman of the Northern Arapaho Business Council (NABC) are delegated the authority and responsibility to sign all documents necessary to initiate this action.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, as the Chairman of the Eastern Shoshone Business Council hereby certifies that the Eastern Shoshone Business Council, consists of six (6) members, of whom four (4) members of the Eastern Shoshone Business Council constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly called, noticed, convened, and held this second (2nd) day of November, 2022; that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of four (4) members of the Eastern Shoshone Business Council, and that the said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Done at Fort Washakie, Wyoming this 2nd day of November, 2022.



John St. Clair, Chairman
Eastern Shoshone Business Council

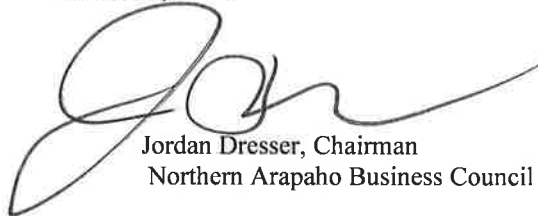
Attest:



Carolyn Shoyo, WRIC Executive Secretary

The undersigned, as the Chairman of the Northern Arapaho Business Council hereby certifies that the Northern Arapaho Business Council, consists of six (6) members, of whom four (4) members of the Northern Arapaho Business Council, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly called, noticed, convened, and held this second (2nd) day of November, 2022; that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of four (4) members of the Northern Arapaho Business Councils, and that the said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Done at Fort Washakie, Wyoming this 2nd day of November, 2022.



Jordan Dresser, Chairman
Northern Arapaho Business Council

Attest:



Nora Willow, NABC Executive Assistant