



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
AMENDING PRIOR ORDER MANDATING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS
IN INDOOR PUBLIC SETTINGS TO ALLOW REMOVAL OF FACE COVERINGS
WHEN NECESSARY FOR PARTICIPATION IN RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES**

ORDER NO. HO-COVID19-52

DATE OF ORDER: AUGUST 6, 2021

Summary of the Order

This Order of the Health Officer amends Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-51 to allow removal of face coverings when necessary for participation in religious activities at religious gatherings that take place in public indoor settings, effective immediately.

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 August 2, 2021, I issued Health Officer Order No. COVID19-51, which requires all persons to wear face coverings in indoor public settings in Contra Costa County, with certain exceptions, to prevent the spread of the virus that causes Coronavirus Disease 2019. I have determined that it is necessary to add an exception to allow individuals to remove face coverings when necessary to participate in religious activities that take place during indoor gatherings.
- 2. Amendment.** Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-51 is hereby amended by adding subsection f. to Section 4, to read as follows:
 - f.** When participating in a religious activity at a religious gathering, to the extent that removal of face coverings is necessary for participation.
- 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:



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

Dated: August 6, 2021

