



## Riverside County Youth Commission and Youth Advisory Councils



# Mask Policy and COVID-19 Liability Waiver

### **Statement from Riverside County Public Health concerning latest face mask recommendations:**

*"Following the updated face mask guidance issued by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and the California Department of Public Health, and in light of the recent increase in local COVID-19 cases, Riverside County Public Health recommends residents follow the new state and federal guidance for face coverings. The current state and federal masking guidance recommend that vaccinated individuals wear face masks in public indoor settings. The state still requires unvaccinated individuals to wear masks indoors. As the impact on the Delta variant increases transmissibility, Riverside County health officials continue to stress that getting vaccinated is the best protection against the virus and its variants."*

### **Youth Commission Mask Policy**

Based on the CDPH Face Mask Guidance: Outdoors, face coverings are optional. Indoors and on buses, face coverings are required for all students and all adults. More information on the steps that will take place to implement the CDPH face covering requirements within the Youth Commission are listed below.

- A.** All Youth Commission and Youth Advisory Council Participants will be required to wear a proper face covering in indoor settings. This includes Youth Commission Meetings, YAC Meetings, and any events or service projects that are held indoors. While face coverings are not required out doors, it is still recommended to follow safety recommendations such as social distancing, hand washing and sanitizing of surfaces/tools/utensils.
- B.** For students who do not feel safe participating in the YAC meetings in person or for those who refuse to wear a mask at indoor meetings/events: You will have the ability to listen in to the YAC meetings virtually. However, due to the Brown Act policies, you will not be allowed to actively participate or vote during those meetings virtually. Please discuss this with your YAC Coordinator or the Youth Commission Program Coordinator, Information listed below.
- C.** Steps that will be taken for students not complying with this mask policy.
  - 1. Staff will ask for the student to put on their mask or provide them with a Mask if needed.
  - 2. Staff will provide only one additional request/warning for a student to put on a mask.
  - 3. If a student refuses to wear a mask, they will be asked to leave the facility until they are able to discuss their options with their YAC Coordinator.
  - 4. If a YAC member does not agree with or refuses to follow the Youth Commission's Mask Policy, and does not want to participate in YAC via the virtual options we are providing, then the YAC member is able to withdraw for the remainder of the year and re-apply for the YC/YAC for the next school year, as participation in this program is voluntary.

***For questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact youth YAC Coordinator or the Youth Commission Program Coordinator Rachel Babcock at [rbabcock@rivco.org](mailto:rbabcock@rivco.org).***



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### Liability Waiver

- A. I acknowledge the contagious nature of the COVID-19 virus and acknowledge that the Riverside County Youth Commission and Youth Advisory Councils (YC/YAC) adhere to the CDC recommendations of practicing social distancing and wearing face coverings.
- B. I further acknowledge that YC/YAC has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus, to the best of their abilities.
- C. I further acknowledge that no guarantee exists regarding whether or not I may contract COVID-19. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to and/or infected by the COVID-19 virus may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including but not limited to, paid staff, volunteers and others.
- D. I acknowledge that there is a risk of exposure to COVID-19 by participating from time to time in YC/YAC activities or meetings.

I hereby release and agree to hold the Riverside County Youth Commission / Youth Advisory Councils, the Board of Supervisors and its members, corporate officers, employees, and volunteers harmless from any causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, and compensation for damage to myself that may be caused by any act, or failure to act, or that may otherwise arise in any way while I am participating in YC/YAC, activities, events or meetings. I fully understand that this release discharges the aforementioned from any liability with respect to bodily injury, illness, death, medical treatment, or property damage that may arise from, or in connection to my participation as described above.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

YAC District: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_