On July 28, 2020, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an ordinance, effective immediately, allowing for fines for those disregarding the state face covering health order for all areas in unincorporated Monterey County. This order would adopt the California Department of Public Health’s guidance issued on June 18, 2020 requiring residents in California to wear face coverings when they are out in public, with limited exceptions.

The Monterey County Health Department will be providing site visits to all business operations permitted by the health department in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County regarding this ordinance. If additional site visits are conducted as a result of noncompliance to the mask ordinance, or as part of a complaint investigation related to the mask ordinance, a citation will be issued per Chapter 1.22 of the Monterey County Code. Repeated violations could lead to additional enforcement actions and/or be prosecuted as a misdemeanor at the discretion of the District Attorney. You can arrange for training/education on the new ordinance requirements from the Environmental Health Bureau by contacting 831-755-4505.

**Additional Resources:**
- Link to state COVID-19 information- www.mtyhd.org/FaceMaskGuide
- Link to urgency ordinance- www.mtyhd.org/FaceMaskOrder

For more information, please contact the Environmental Health Bureau at 831 755-4505 or visit our EHB COVID-19 website at mtyhd.org/covid-19-EHB

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- Monterey Office: 1200 Aguajito Road Suite 007, Monterey CA 93940
- King City Office: 200 Broadway Ave Suite 70, King City, CA 93930