

## TUKI FIESTA and MARA'AKAME INITIATION FIESTA 2022 COVID GUIDELINES

We will do our best to ensure EVERYONE arrives at Fiesta **without** COVID and that no one contracts COVID during the Fiesta. **The success of this ritual involves how we come together for a common purpose.** Someone getting COVID can distract from the focus of our work for this rare and precious opportunity. While we cannot eliminate all uncertainty; we can do our best to ensure the health and safety of everyone attending the fiesta. Your compliance with these guidelines will also help minimize the potential spread of COVID to the Wixárika (Huichol) people living in the homelands in the remote Sierra Madre Mountains.

While we will become a 'pod' during Fiesta and will not need to mask when we are together, you are still welcome to wear a mask if you choose.

### We ask you to agree to the following:

- **5 days prior to arrival at Fiesta** (9/6, 9/7 or 9/8 - depending on your arrival day)
  - Wear a mask consistently when you are indoors with other people. Wear a good quality mask, not a scarf or bandana.
  - There is no need to wear a mask when outdoors around other people.
  - There is no need to ask other people to wear a mask indoors who are around you. Only you need to wear a mask and wear it correctly.
  - If you don't want to wear a mask indoors with household members, please ensure that they follow the masking guidelines for 5 days along with you - otherwise simply mask when you are around them indoors.
  - The 5 day window is selected based upon the time it typically takes for a rapid test to turn positive after being exposed.
- **24 hours prior to Fiesta, do your own Rapid COVID test.**
  - Take a photo of your test results with your name and date on it and be prepared to present this at the Fiesta Welcome Table on 9/8
  - If you are positive, you'll need to cancel your participation. Contact Linda Felch (717) 668-3175, [tepozfiesta@gmail.com](mailto:tepozfiesta@gmail.com). We'll do our best to offer you a partial refund.
  - If you are negative, continue to mask until you arrive at Fiesta. Then everyone is free to take off their masks for the entirety of our time—unless you prefer to wear a mask.
- **Please bring a mask with you to Fiesta** and ensure you have it with you in case the COVID situation changes and you are asked to wear a mask.
- **Wear your mask indoors during the time of Fiesta when you are with people outside of the fiesta pod.**
- **If you have been exposed** to someone with a COVID infection within 5 days prior to Fiesta - please contact Linda Felch (717) 668-3175, [tepozfiesta@gmail.com](mailto:tepozfiesta@gmail.com) so we can determine together if adjustments are needed.

Please contact Linda Felch (717) 668-3175, [tepozfiesta@gmail.com](mailto:tepozfiesta@gmail.com), if you have questions about these guidelines.