SAFER AT HOME ORDER FOR CONTROL OF COVID-19
CONTINUATION OF SAFER AT HOME ORDER THAT MOVES
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES INTO
STAGE 2 OF COUNTY’S ROADMAP TO RECOVERY
Revised Order Issued: May 22, 2020

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply
with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.
(California Health and Safety Code §120295; Los Angeles County Code § 11.02.080.)

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER: This County of Los Angeles Health Officer Order (Order)
amends and supersedes all prior orders and addenda of the County of Los Angeles
Health Officer (Health Officer) issued on March 16, 19, 21, 27, 31, April 10, May 3, 8,
13, 2020 (Prior Orders). This Order is issued to comply with State Executive Order N-33-20
issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, wherein the State Public Health Officer
ordered all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of
residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical
infrastructure sectors, as well as subsequent State Executive Orders including but not
limited to N-60-20.

Existing community transmission of the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in Los
Angeles County (County) continues to present a substantial and significant risk of harm
to residents' health. Evidence suggests that the restrictions and requirements imposed
by the Health Officer's Prior Orders have slowed the rate of increase of COVID-19
community transmission and related hospitalizations by severely limiting person-to-
person interactions. This Order is a limited and measured step to partially move the
County of Los Angeles into Stage 2 of its Roadmap To Recovery: A Phased Approach
to Reopening Safely in Los Angeles County, while keeping a low incidence of person-
to-person contact and ensuring continued Social (Physical) Distancing and adherence
to other infection control protocols.

This Order continues to require that specific higher-risk businesses remain closed. This
Order allows Lower-Risk Retail Businesses to reopen for curbside, doorside, or other
outdoor or outside pickup, or via delivery only. As a precondition to reopening, these
Lower-Risk Retail Businesses must implement the County’s Reopening Protocol for
Retail Establishments prior to reopening. This Order, further, conditionally reopens the
public beaches for certain types of active recreation, and conditionally reopens
additional recreational opportunities.

This Order allows persons to engage in Essential Activities, as defined by the Order,
but requires persons to at all times, practice Social (Physical) Distancing while out in
public, to lower the risks of person-to-person contact for themselves and others.

This Order is effective within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction,
defined as all unincorporated areas and cities within the County of Los Angeles with the
exception of the cities of Long Beach and Pasadena. This Order is effective immediately
and will continue until further notice.
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:

1. This Order supersedes the Health Officer's Prior Orders. In light of the progress achieved in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in the County, this Order allows the conditional reopening of specific retail and other Lower-Risk Businesses. This limited and measured step is intended to move the County into Stage 2 of its Roadmap To Recovery: A Phased Approach to Reopening Safely in Los Angeles County, while keeping a low incidence of person-to-person contact and ensuring continued Social (Physical) Distancing and adherence to other infection control protocols as provided below. The Health Officer will assess the activities allowed by this Order on an ongoing basis and determine whether this Order needs to be modified if the public health risk associated with COVID-19 increases in the future.

2. Although this Order permits some activities and business operations to resume, physical distancing remains the best tool available for people to avoid being exposed to the virus. As such, this Order's intent is to continue to ensure that County residents remain in their residences as much as possible, to limit close contact with others outside their household in both indoor and outdoor spaces. All persons who can telework or work from home should continue to do so as much as possible during this pandemic. Sustained Social (Physical) Distancing and infection control measures will continue slowing the spread of COVID-19 and diminishing its impact on the delivery of critical healthcare services. All provisions of this Order must be interpreted to effectuate that intent. Failure to comply with any of the Order's provisions constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, and a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

3. All persons living within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction are to remain in their residences, except that they may leave for the following purposes: for Essential Activities, as defined in Paragraph 15; for Essential Government Functions, as defined in Paragraph 5; to work at, provide services to, or obtain treatment from Healthcare Operations, as defined in Paragraph 16; to work at or visit Essential Businesses, as defined in Paragraph 18; to work at or provide services to Essential Infrastructure, as defined in Paragraph 17; to work at or visit Lower-Risk Businesses, as defined in Paragraph 9; or to perform Minimum Basic Operations, as defined in Paragraph 21, for businesses whose on-site operations must remain temporarily closed. Persons experiencing homelessness are exempt from this requirement but are strongly urged to obtain shelter and abide by Social (Physical) Distancing requirements.
   a) Nothing in this Order prohibits members of a single household or living unit from engaging in permitted activities together. But gatherings of people who are not part of a single household or living unit are prohibited within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction, except for the limited purposes expressly permitted by this Order.
   b) People leaving their residences for the limited purposes allowed by this Order must strictly comply with the Social (Physical) Distancing requirements stated in
this Order or specified in guidance or protocols established by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health; this includes wearing a cloth face covering whenever there is or can be contact with others who are non-household members in both public and private places.

c) In the event of a conflict between the Social (Physical) Distancing requirements stated in this Order and Department of Public Health guidance or protocols, the more specific requirements shall control.

4. All people residing within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction who are age 65 or older and all people of any age who have active or unstable pre-existing health conditions, should remain in their residences. People in these categories should leave their residences only when necessary to seek medical care or obtain food or other necessities. Public Health strongly recommends that employers offer telework or other accommodations to persons who are age 65 or older and all people of any age who have an active or unstable pre-existing health conditions.

5. All government agencies working in the course and scope of their public service employment are Essential Government Functions.
   a) All government employees are essential, including but not limited to, health care providers and emergency responders including employees who serve in the following areas: law enforcement; emergency services and management; first responder; fire; search and rescue; juvenile detention; corrections; healthcare services and operations; public health; laboratory or medical testing; mental health; community health; public works; executive management employees serving in these fields; all employees assigned to serve in or support the foregoing fields; and all employees whose services are otherwise needed to assist in a declared emergency.
   
   b) While all government employees are essential, the employees identified here, and others called to serve in their Disaster Service Worker capacity, must be available to serve the public or assist in response or continuity of operations efforts during this health crisis to the maximum extent allowed under the law.
   
   c) This Order does not, in any way, restrict (a) first responder access to the site(s) named in this Order during an emergency or (b) local, state or federal officers, investigators, or medical or law enforcement personnel from carrying out their lawful duties at the site(s) named in this Order.
   
   d) All persons who perform Essential Governmental Functions are categorically exempt from this Order while performing such governmental functions or services. Each governmental entity shall identify and designate appropriate employees or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions. All Essential Governmental Functions should be performed in compliance with Social (Physical) Distancing, to the extent possible.

6. This Order does not supersede any stricter limitation imposed by a local public entity within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction.
7. The Health Officer orders the continued closure of the following types of higher-risk businesses, recreational sites, commercial properties, and activities, where more frequent and prolonged person-to-person contacts are likely to occur:
   a) Bars and nightclubs that do not serve food and the portions of wineries, breweries and taprooms that provide tastings;
   b) Gyms and fitness centers;
   c) Movie theaters, drive-in theaters, live performance theaters, concert halls and venues, stadiums, arenas, gaming facilities, theme parks, and festivals;
   d) Bowling alleys and arcades;
   e) Public piers;
   f) Personal grooming establishments (barbers, hair salons, nail salons);
   g) Massage or body art establishments;
   h) Indoor and outdoor playgrounds for children, except those located within a childcare center;
   i) Community centers, including public pools, and pools, hot tubs, and saunas that are in a multi-unit residence or part of a Homeowners’ Association;
   j) Indoor and outdoor flea markets and swap meets;
   k) Indoor museums, indoor or outdoor children museums, gallery spaces, zoos, and libraries;
   l) The interior of Indoor Malls and Indoor Shopping Centers. As an exception, Essential or Lower-Risk Retail Businesses located within the interior of an Indoor Mall or Shopping Center, may provide goods and services to the public via curbside, doorside, or other outdoor or outside pickup, or via delivery. Businesses that are normally accessible by the public from the exterior of the Indoor Mall or Shopping Center may continue to operate. For purposes of this Order, Indoor Mall or Shopping Center is defined as: A building with seven (7) or more sales or retail establishments with adjoining indoor space.
   m) All events and gatherings, unless specifically allowed by this Order.

8. All Essential Businesses may remain open to the public and conduct normal business operations, provided that they implement and maintain the Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol defined in Paragraph 20 and attached to this Order as Appendix A. An Essential Business’ owner, manager, or operator must prepare and post a Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol for each facility or office located within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction and must ensure that the Essential Business meets all other requirements of the Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol.
9. Lower-Risk Businesses are businesses that are not specified in Paragraph 7 of this Order, and not defined as an Essential Business in Paragraph 18 of this Order. In general, Lower-Risk Businesses may not reopen at this time. There are, however, two categories of Lower-Risk Businesses that may reopen under this Order: (1) retailers (“Lower-Risk Retail Businesses”), and (2) manufacturing and logistics sector businesses that supply Lower-Risk Retail Businesses. These two categories of Lower-Risk Businesses may reopen subject to the following conditions:
   a) All Lower-Risk Retail Businesses that sell goods and services to the public may only provide these goods and services to the public via curbside, doorside, or other outdoor or outside pickup, or via delivery. Members of the public are not permitted inside a retail Lower-Risk Retail Business. Members of the public are not permitted inside an Indoor Mall or Shopping Center.
   b) For any Lower-Risk Retail Business that sells goods and services, the owner, manager, or operator must, prior to reopening, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Retail Establishments, attached to this Order as Appendix B.
   c) For any non-retail Lower-Risk Business that is a manufacturing and logistics sector business that supplies Lower-Risk Retail Businesses, the owner, manager, or operator must, prior to reopening, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol, applicable to the business type or location, attached to this Order as Appendix C.

REASONS FOR THE ORDER

10. This Order is based upon the following determinations: evidence of continued and significant community transmission of COVID-19 within the County; continued uncertainty regarding the degree of undetected asymptomatic transmission; scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically; evidence that a significant portion of the County population is at risk for serious health complications, including hospitalizations and death from COVID-19, due to age or pre-existing health conditions; and further evidence that other County residents, including younger and otherwise healthy people, are also at risk for serious negative health outcomes and for transmitting the virus to others. The Order’s intent is to protect the public from the avoidable risk of serious illness and death resulting from the spread of COVID-19.

11. Existing community transmission of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County continues to present a substantial and significant risk of harm to residents’ health. There is still no vaccine available yet to protect against COVID-19, and no treatment for it. As of May 21, 2020, there have been at least 42,037 cases of COVID-19 and 2,016 deaths reported in Los Angeles County. There remains a strong likelihood of a significant and increasing number of cases of community transmission. Making the community transmission problem worse, some individuals who contract the virus causing COVID-19 have no symptoms or have only mild symptoms, and so are unaware that they carry the virus and are transmitting it to others. Further, evidence shows that the virus can survive for hours or even days on surfaces and can be
indirectly transmitted between individuals. Because even people without symptoms can transmit the virus, and because evidence shows the infection is easily spread, preventing, limiting, and placing conditions on various types of gatherings and other direct and indirect interpersonal interactions have been proven to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus.

12. Evidence suggests that the restrictions and requirements imposed by Prior Orders slowed the rate of increase in community transmission and hospitalizations by limiting interactions among people, consistent with the efficacy of similar measures in other parts of the country and world. Although the hospitals within the County are seeing increased numbers of COVID-19 patients, including patients with severe illness, the hospitals have not become overwhelmed or exceeded capacity. However, because there is not yet a vaccine or proven therapeutic drug, the public health emergency and attendant risks to the public's health by COVID-19 still predominate.

13. In line with the State Public Health Officer, the Health Officer is monitoring several key indicators (COVID-19 Indicators) within the County. Progress on some of these COVID-19 Indicators – specifically related to hospital utilization and capacity – makes it appropriate, at this time, to ease certain restrictions imposed by the Prior Orders. But the prevalence of the virus that causes COVID-19 requires other restrictions to continue. Activities and business operations that are permitted must be conducted in accordance with the required Social (Physical) Distancing, reopening protocols, and other infection control protocols ordered by the Health Officer.

14. The Health Officer will continue monitoring COVID-19 Indicators to determine when the County is ready to move to Stage Three of its Roadmap to Recovery. Those Indicators include, but are not limited to:
   a) The trend of the number of new COVID-19 cases, hospitalization rates, and death rates.
   b) The capacity of hospitals and the healthcare system in the County, including acute care beds, Intensive Care Unit beds, and ventilators to provide care for existing COVID-19 patients and other patients, and capacity to surge with an increase of COVID-19 cases.
   c) The supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) available for hospital staff, nursing home staff and other healthcare providers and personnel who need PPE to safely respond to and treat COVID-19 patients and other patients.
   d) The ability and capacity to quickly and accurately test persons to determine whether individuals are COVID-19 positive, especially those in vulnerable populations or high-risk settings or occupations, and to identify and assess outbreaks.
   e) The ability to conduct case investigation and contact tracing for the volume of future cases and associated contacts, isolating confirmed cases and quarantining persons who have had contact with confirmed cases.
DEFINITIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

15. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their home residence to perform the following Essential Activities:
   a) To engage in activities or perform tasks important to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including pets), such as, visiting a health or veterinary care professional or obtaining medical supplies or medication;
   b) To obtain necessary services and supplies for their family or household members, or to deliver the same, such as, obtaining grocery items or necessary supplies from Essential Businesses for one’s household or for delivery to others;
   c) To perform work for, to access an Essential Business or Lower-Risk Business, or to carry out Minimum Basic Operations for businesses that are closed or operating remotely.
   d) To obtain or access services from Essential Governmental Functions, such as, access to court, social and administrative services, or complying with an order of law enforcement or court;
   e) To care for minors, the elderly, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;
   f) To obtain in-person behavioral health or substance use disorder support in therapeutic small group meetings, such as Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, provided that the gathering is limited to 10 people or fewer and Social (Physical) Distancing is practiced.
   g) Staff of organizations or associations, including faith-based organizations, may gather in a single space for the sole purpose of preparing and facilitating live-stream or other virtual communications with their members, including worship services, provided that the staff gathering is limited to 10 people or fewer and the Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol provide in Paragraph 20 and attached to this Order as Appendix A is observed.
   h) Engaging in outdoor recreation activity, in compliance with Social (Physical) Distancing requirements and subject to the following limitations:
      i. Outdoor recreation activity at parks, trails, and beaches, and other open spaces must comply with any access or use restrictions established by the Health Officer, government, or other entity that manages the area to reduce crowding and the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
      ii. Use of shared outdoor facilities for recreational activities, including but not limited to golf courses, tennis and pickleball courts, shooting and archery ranges, equestrian centers, model airplane areas, community gardens, and bike parks, must comply with any access or use restrictions established by the Health Officer, government, or other entity that manages the area to reduce crowding and the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
iii. Local public entities may elect to temporarily close certain streets or areas to automobile traffic, to allow for increased space for persons to engage in recreational activity permitted by and in compliance with Social (Physical) Distancing requirements specified in this Order.

i) To participate in a Vehicle-Based Parade. The host of the Vehicle-Based Parade must comply with all local ordinances, traffic control requirements, and state and local laws. Further, the host of Vehicle-Based Parades must comply with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Vehicle-Based Parade Protocol, attached to this Order as Appendix D.

16. Individuals may leave their residence to work for, volunteer at, or obtain services at Healthcare Operations: hospitals, clinics, laboratories, dentists, optometrists, pharmacies, physical therapists, rehabilitation and physical wellness programs, chiropractors, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other licensed healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare service providers, mental or behavioral health providers, alcohol and drug treatment providers, cannabis dispensaries with a medicinal cannabis license and all other required state and local licenses, medical or scientific research companies, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services, manufacturers, distributors and servicers of medical devices, diagnostics, and equipment, veterinary care, and other animal healthcare. This exemption shall be construed to avoid any impact to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. Healthcare Operations does not include fitness and exercise gyms. In working for, volunteering at, or obtaining services from Healthcare Operations, individuals must comply with the specific Social (Physical) Distancing requirements and infection control guidance for that clinical or non-clinical setting.

17. Individuals may leave their residence to provide any service or perform any work necessary to the operation and maintenance of Essential Infrastructure, which is defined as, public health operations, public works construction, airport operations, port operations, food supply, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil extraction and refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection, removal and processing, flood control and watershed protection, cemeteries, mortuaries, crematoriums, and internet and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), and manufacturing and distribution companies deemed essential as part of the Essential Infrastructure supply chain, provided that they carry out those services or that work. In providing these services or performing this work, individuals must comply with Social (Physical) Distancing requirements to the extent practicable.

18. For purposes of this Order, Essential Businesses are:
   a) Grocery stores, certified farmers’ markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, warehouse stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, pet supply, water, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning or personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and other non-grocery products, such as
products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences. This does not include businesses that sell only prepackaged non-potentially hazardous food which is incidental to the primary retail business;

b) Food processors, confectioners, food packagers, food testing labs that are not open to the public, and food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;

c) Organizations and businesses that provide food, shelter, social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals (including gang prevention and intervention, domestic violence, and homeless service agencies);

d) Newspapers, television news, radio, magazine, podcast and journalism activities. This includes taped, digitally recorded or online-streamed content of any sort that is produced by a single individual or household in a residence without the physical presence of individuals other than the single individual or members of the household.

e) Gas stations, auto-supply, mobile auto repair operations, auto repair shops (including, without limitation, auto repair shops adjacent to or otherwise in connection with a retail or used auto dealership), and bicycle repair shops and related facilities;

f) Banks, credit unions, financial institutions and insurance companies;

g) Hardware stores, nurseries; building supply stores;

h) Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, custodial/janitorial workers, handyman services, funeral homes and morticians, moving services, HVAC installers, carpenters, vegetation services, tree maintenance, landscapers, gardeners, property managers, private security personnel and other service providers who provide services to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation to properties and other Essential Businesses;

i) Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;

j) Educational institutions (including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities) for purposes of facilitating distance learning, providing meals for pick-up, or performing Minimum Basic Operations, provided that Social (Physical) Distancing is practiced;

k) Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers;

l) Restaurants and other food facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery, drive thru or carry out. Indoor and outdoor table dining is not permitted. Cafeterias, commissaries, and restaurants located within hospitals, nursing homes, or other licensed health care facilities may provide dine-in service, as long as Social (Physical) Distancing is practiced;

m) Businesses that supply office or computer products needed by people who work from home;

n) Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
o) Non-manufacturing, transportation or distribution businesses that ship, truck, transport, or provide logistical support to deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences, Essential Businesses, Healthcare Operations, and Essential Infrastructure. This exemption shall not be used as a basis for engaging in sales to the general public from retail storefronts;

p) Airlines, taxis, ride sharing services and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for activities of daily living and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;

q) Businesses that manufacture parts and provide necessary service for Essential Infrastructure;

r) Home-based care for seniors, adults, disabled persons, or children;

s) Residential facilities and shelters for homeless residents, disabled persons, seniors, adults, children and animals;

t) Professional services, such as legal, payroll or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities, and the permitting, inspection, construction, transfer and recording of ownership of housing, including residential and commercial real estate and anything incidental thereto, provided that appointments and other residential viewings must only occur virtually or, if a virtual viewing is not feasible, by appointment with no more than two visitors at a time residing within the same household or living unit and one individual showing the unit (except that in-person visits are not allowed when the occupant is still residing in the residence);

u) Childcare facilities providing services that enable people to work as permitted in this Order. To the extent possible, childcare facilities must operate under the following conditions: (1) Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 10 or fewer (“stable” means the same ten (10) or fewer children are in the same group each day); (2) Children shall not change from one group to another; (3) If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other; (4) Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children;

v) Hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities;

w) Construction, which includes the operation, inspection, and maintenance of construction sites and construction projects for construction of commercial, office and institutional buildings, residential and housing construction; and

x) Manufacturers and retailers of fabric or cloth that is made into personal protective equipment, such as, face coverings.

19. For purposes of this Order, "Social (Physical) Distancing" means: (1) Maintaining at least six (6)-feet of physical distance from individuals who are not members of the same household; (2) Frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol; (3) Wearing a cloth face-covering when in contact with others who do not live in the same household or living unit; and (4) Avoiding all physical interaction outside the household when sick with a fever or cough, except for necessary medical care.
20. For purposes of this Order, the “Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol” that must be implemented and posted must demonstrate how the following infection control measures are being implemented and achieved, as applicable:

a) Limiting the number of people who may enter into the facility at any one time to ensure that people in the facility can easily maintain a minimum six (6) foot physical distance from others, at all times, except as required to complete a business activity or transaction. Members of a single household or living unit may stand or move together but must be separated from others by a physical distance of at least six (6) feet.

b) Where lines may form at a facility, marking six (6) foot increments at a minimum, establishing where individuals should stand to maintain adequate Social (Physical) Distancing, whether inside or outside the facility.

c) Providing hand sanitizer, soap and water, or effective disinfectant at or near the entrance of the facility and in other appropriate areas for use by the public and employees, and in locations where there is high-frequency employee interaction with members of the public (e.g. cashiers). Restrooms normally open to the public shall remain open to the public.

d) Posting a sign in a conspicuous place at all public entries that instructs the public not to enter if they are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness, including fever or cough, to wear face coverings, and to maintain Social (Physical) Distancing from one another.

e) Providing for the regular disinfection of high-touch surfaces, and disinfection of all payment portals, pens, and styluses after each use. All businesses are encouraged to also offer touchless payment mechanisms, if feasible.

f) Providing cloth-face coverings to employees and contracted workers whose duties require close contact (within 6 feet for 10 minutes or more) with other employees and/or the public.

g) Requiring that members of the public who enter the facility wear a face-covering during their time in the facility.

h) Adhering to communicable disease control protocols provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, including requirements for cleaning and disinfecting the site. See protocols posted at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/

ADDITIONAL TERMS

21. Operators of businesses that are required to cease in-person operations may travel to those businesses for purposes of Minimum Basic Operations, which means:

a) The minimum necessary activities to maintain and protect the value of the business’s inventory and facilities; ensure security, safety, and sanitation; and process payroll and employee benefits;
b) The minimum necessary activities to facilitate the business’s owners, employees, and contractors being able to continue to work remotely from their residences, and to ensure that the business can deliver its services remotely.

22. The County shall promptly provide copies of this Order by: (a) posting it on the Los Angeles Department of Public Health’s website (www.publichealth.lacounty.gov), (b) posting it at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (c) providing it to any member of the public requesting a copy, and (d) issuing a press release to publicize the Order throughout the County.

   a) The owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public requesting a copy.

   b) Because guidance may change, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is subject to this Order is ordered to consult the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health’s website (www.publichealth.lacounty.gov) daily to identify any modifications to the Order and is required to comply with any updates until the Order is terminated.

23. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

24. This Order incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and the March 4, 2020 declarations of a local and public health emergency issued by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer, respectively, and as they may be supplemented.

25. This Order is issued in light of the March 19, 2020 Order of the State Public Health Officer, (the "State Shelter Order") which set the baseline statewide restrictions on non-residential business activities, effective until further notice, as well as the Governor's March 19, 2020 Executive Order N-33-20 and the May 4, 2020 Executive Order N-60-20 directing California residents to follow the State Shelter Order. This Order adopts in certain respects more stringent restrictions addressing the particular facts and circumstances in the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction, which are necessary to control the public health emergency as it is evolving. Without this tailored set of restrictions to further reduce the number of interactions between persons, scientific evidence indicates that the public health crisis will worsen to the point at which it may overtake available healthcare resources within the County and increase the death rate.
26. This Order is consistent with the provisions in the Governor’s Executive Order N-60-20 and the State Public Health Officer’s May 7, 2020 Order, that local health jurisdictions may implement or continue more restrictive public health measures in the jurisdiction if the Local Health Officer believes conditions in that jurisdiction warrant them. Where a conflict exists between this Order and any state public health order related to controlling the spread of COVID-19 during this pandemic, the most restrictive provision controls. Consistent with California Health and Safety Code section 131080, except where the State Health Officer may issue an order expressly directed at this Order or a provision of this Order and based upon a finding that a provision of this Order constitutes a menace to the public health, any more restrictive measures in this Order may continue to apply and control in the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction.

27. Pursuant to Sections 26602 and 41601 of the California Government Code and Section 101029 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in all cities located in the Los Angeles County Public Health Jurisdiction ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

28. This Order shall become effective immediately on May 22, 2020 and will continue to be until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Muntu Davis, M.D., M.P.H.
Health Officer,
County of Los Angeles

5/22/2020
Date