

**REOPENING SAFER AT WORK AND IN THE COMMUNITY
FOR CONTROL OF COVID-19**

**BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY—RED TIER
RISK REDUCTION MEASURES**

Revised Order Issued: **March 19, 2021**

Effective as of 12:01am on Saturday, March 20, 2021

Recent Update

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- Breweries, distilleries, and wineries may reopen for outdoor only if not serving a bona fide meal.
- Added specific protocol for Limited Services, Appendix W, for businesses that generally do not require close contact, such as laundromats, auto repair shops, residential and janitorial cleaning services, plumbers, general contractors, and other similar businesses. See section 9.5.m and specific protocol for additional examples.
- Increased the number of participants obtaining in-person behavioral health or substance use disorder support in therapeutic small group meetings, such as Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, and obtaining in-person faith-based small group counselling services, where the service cannot reasonably be practiced remotely, to 12 people or fewer.

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 Revised County of Los Angeles Health Officer Order (Order) supersedes all prior Safer At Home orders (Prior Orders) issued by the County of Los Angeles Health Officer (Health Officer). This Order is issued to comply with State Executive Orders N-33-20 and N-60-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, and the accompanying orders of the State Public Health Officer issued on March 19, May 7, July 13, July 17, and August 28, 2020.

As Los Angeles County enters the “Red Tier” of the [State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework](#), the County is lifting some local activity-specific restrictions, effective at 12:01am on **Saturday, March 20, 2021**. All activities are still subject to this local Red Tier Risk Reduction Order and any other County guidance.

As certain activities are allowed to resume, the Health Officer urges residents to proceed with caution. COVID-19 case rates, hospitalizations, and deaths continue to fall, but still remain very high. Vaccinations are occurring as quickly as supplies allow, but most people in our community are still not vaccinated. New variants of the virus that may spread more easily or cause more severe illness are present in our county; however, their impact on our local pandemic is largely unknown. Just because certain activities are allowed or certain reopening protocols are revised, that does not mean that those activities are “safe” and without risk.

To keep yourself, your family, your friends and neighbors, and our broader community safe, continue following these core principles and practices:

1. **Go outdoors.** Outdoor activities are far safer than indoor ones.
2. **Stay masked.** Consistent and correct use of masks, especially double-masking, both indoors and outdoors, is very effective at preventing the spread of COVID-19.
3. **Maintain at least a 6-foot distance from others.** Physical distancing from those who do not live with you also helps to keep the virus away.
4. **Avoid crowds.** The fewer people you encounter and the fewer interactions you have, the smaller the chance the virus will spread.
5. **Get vaccinated when it's your turn.** All federally authorized vaccines work well and will help protect you, your family, and your friends against COVID-19.

If conditions worsen, strong state or local mandatory measures may again be necessary.

The Health Officer strongly urges everyone to exercise great caution and good judgment in these next critical weeks and months to avoid overwhelming our healthcare system with surges in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths like we saw at the end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021.

This Order's primary intent is to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in the County for all. All persons who can telework or work from home should continue to do so as much as possible during this pandemic. This Order allows persons to engage in all permitted activities, as defined by the Order, but requires that persons practice Social (Physical) Distancing, at all times while out in public and wear a mask over both the nose and mouth when in or likely to be in contact with others who do not live in their household, to lower the risks of disease transmission through person-to-person contact for themselves and others.

This Order is issued to account for the continued decline in new COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and testing positivity rates in the County and the County's eligibility to move into the less restrictive Red Tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework. This Order will be revised in the future to reflect the State Executive Orders and State Public Health Officer Orders and guidance that progressively designate sectors, businesses, establishments, or activities that may reopen with certain modifications, based on health and safety needs and at a pace designed to protect health and safety, and that may also progressively close specific activities and business sectors based on increases in daily reported COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and the testing positivity rates. Should local COVID-19 conditions warrant, the Health Officer may, after consultation with the Board of Supervisors, issue Orders that are more restrictive than those of the State Public Health Officer. Changes from the previous Order are highlighted.

This Order is effective within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction, defined as all cities and unincorporated areas within the County of Los Angeles, with the exception of the cities of Long Beach and Pasadena that must follow their respective

City Health Officer orders and guidance. This Order is effective at 12:01am on Saturday, March 20, 2021 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. This Order mainly aligns the County with both the Governor's July 13, 2020, announcement requiring the closure or modification of specific activities and business sectors and the State's March 9, 2021 revision to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework, which describes a tiered approach to relaxing and tightening restrictions on activities based upon specified criteria and as permitted by this Order based on County health conditions and circumstances. The County has moved into the second tier (Red) of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Community transmission of COVID-19, even as daily case counts are decreasing, remains substantial within the County. The Health Officer will continue to assess the phased reopening allowed by the State Public Health Officer and this Order on an ongoing basis and determine, after consultation with the Board of Supervisors, whether this Order needs to be modified if the public health risk associated with COVID-19 increases in the future.
2. This Order's intent is to continue to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in the County. 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, COVID-19 vaccinations, 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.
 - a) This Order does not supersede any stricter limitation imposed by a local public entity within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction.
 - b) The Order is consistent with the provisions in the Governor's Executive Order N-60-20 and the State Public Health Officer's August 28, 2020 Order, that local health jurisdictions may implement or continue more restrictive public health measures if the jurisdiction's Local Health Officer determines that health conditions in that jurisdiction warrant such measures. 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, unless the County of Los Angeles is subject to a court order requiring it to act on, or enjoining it from enforcing, any part of this Order.
3. All persons living within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction should remain in their residences whenever practicable.
 - a) Nothing in this Order prohibits persons living together as a single household in a household or living unit ("household") from engaging in permitted activities together. For purposes of this Order, and in relationship to private gatherings, a

“household” shall not include institutional group living situations such as dormitories, fraternities, sororities, monasteries, convents, or residential care facilities, nor does it include such commercial group living arrangements as boarding houses, hotels, or motels.¹ Private gatherings are defined as social situations that bring together people from different “households” at the same time in a single space or place. When people from different “households” mix, the risk of COVID-19 transmission increases. Visits or small private gatherings with people who are *not* part of a single household or living unit must comply with the following requirements:

- i. *Attendance. Keep the attendance small and the households stable over time.* 1) Private gatherings that include more than three different “households” are prohibited. This includes everyone present, including hosts and guests. Private gatherings of persons from three different “households” or less are limited to a maximum of 15 people. The smaller the number of people, the lower the risk. 2) Keep the up to three “households” that choose to privately gather or interact together constant or stable over time. Participating in multiple gatherings with different “households” and communities poses a higher risk of transmission and spread of COVID-19 if one or more attendees is/are discovered to be infected with the virus. 3) Persons from the “households” who do choose to privately gather together should discuss and agree upon the specific group rules for reducing the risk of exposure among the attendees at the private gathering before convening together. 4) The host “household” of the private gathering should collect names of all attendees and contact information in case contact tracing is needed later. 5) People at higher risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 (such as older adults and people with chronic medical conditions) are strongly urged not to attend any gatherings, especially indoor gatherings. 6) Anyone with any COVID-19-like symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, night sweats, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, tiredness, muscle or body aches, headaches, confusion, or loss of sense of taste/smell) or who is currently under isolation or quarantine orders must stay home and not come into contact with anyone outside their household.
- ii. *Outdoors.* 1) Private gatherings can be held outside; they are permitted in a public park or other outdoor space. Outdoors is safer than indoors. Unlike indoor spaces, wind and air in outdoor spaces can help reduce the risk of spread of the virus from one person to another. Attendees may go inside to use restrooms as long as the restrooms are frequently sanitized. 2) Private gatherings may occur in outdoor spaces that are covered by umbrellas, canopies, awnings, roofs, and other shade structures provided that no more than 50% of the space/structure has impermeable walls, which are non-continuous and not adjacent,

¹ Los Angeles County Code, Title 22. §22.14.060 - F. Family definition. (Ord. 2019-0004 § 1, 2019.)
https://library.municode.com/ca/los_angeles_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodemd=TIT22PLZO_DIV2DE_CH22.14DE_22.14.060F

allowing sufficient, unrestricted outdoor air movement resulting in cross-ventilation. Of note, doors, windows and other portals do not make a wall "non-continuous." Adjacent walls are walls that touch each other and form a corner.² 3) Multiple private gatherings of three "households" may not be jointly organized or coordinated to occur in the same public park or other outdoor space at the same time – this would constitute a private gathering exceeding the permitted size. 4) Mixing between unrelated private gatherings in the same site or public or private space at the same time is not allowed.

- iii. *Indoors at a private residence with masking and physical distancing at all times and no eating or drinking indoors is permitted, but strongly discouraged* unless the private gathering meets one of the two criteria listed below in section 3.a.iv.
- iv. *Indoors at a private residence without wearing a mask or physical distancing is permitted only if the following:* 1) All attendees are fully vaccinated or 2) Fully vaccinated people visit with unvaccinated people from a single household that does not have any individuals who are at risk for severe illness from COVID-19. People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 2 weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (e.g., Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or 2 weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine (e.g., Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen). Individuals at risk of severe COVID-19 illness are Older Adults, Pregnant Persons, People with Underlying Medical Conditions, and Other People who need Extra Precautions. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>). Persons engaging in permitted indoor visits with fully vaccinated individuals must still follow the attendance and duration requirements of Paragraph 3.a.i and 3.a.v.

NOTE: A) If any of the unvaccinated people or their household members are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, all attendees must gather outdoors only, wear a well-fitted mask or double mask over their nose and mouth, and stay at least 6 feet away from people who do not live with them. B) Fully vaccinated people should not visit or attend a gathering if they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the prior 10 days or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of the vaccination status of the other people at the gathering.

- v. *Keep it short.* Private gatherings should be limited to two hours or less in duration. The longer the duration, the risk of transmission increases.
- vi. *Physical distancing and hand hygiene.* 1) All attendees must follow the Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol requirements of Paragraph 19 of this Order. 2) The private gathering space must be large enough so that everyone at the private gathering can maintain at least a 6-foot physical distance from others (not including their own "household") at all times.

² This is consistent with the State's *Use of Temporary Structures for Outdoor Business Operations* in order to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread. See <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Use-of-Temporary-Structures-for-Outdoor-Business-Operations.aspx>.

- 3) A place to wash hands or hand sanitizer must be available for participants to use. 4) Shared items may not be used during a private gathering. As much as possible, any food or beverages at outdoor gatherings must be in single-serve disposable containers. If providing single-serve containers is not possible, food and beverages must be served by an attendee who washes or sanitizes their hands frequently and wears a mask over their nose and mouth. Self-serve items from communal containers may not be used.
- vii. *Singing, Chanting, and Shouting at Outdoor Gatherings.* Singing, chanting, shouting, and physical exertion significantly increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission because these activities increase the release of respiratory droplets into the air. Because of this, singing, chanting, and shouting are strongly discouraged. If they occur and to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets, all attendees who are singing or chanting
- 1) must wear a mask at all times while singing or chanting, including anyone who is leading a song or chant, and
 - 2) must maintain at least 8-10 feet of physical distance from others.
 - 3) Instrumental music is allowed as long as the musicians maintain 6 feet of physical distance from spectators and other performers if they are wearing masks, or 12 feet of physical distance if they are not wearing masks. Musicians must be from one of the three “households.” Playing of wind instruments (any instrument played by the mouth, such as a trumpet or clarinet) is strongly discouraged.
- viii. Anyone who develops COVID-19 within 48 hours after attending a private gathering should notify the other attendees as soon as possible regarding the potential exposure. If you have not been contacted by Public Health within a week of your diagnosis, please call and report your case at 833-540-0473.
- b) People leaving their residences must continue to strictly comply with the Social (Physical) Distancing requirements stated in this Order and specified in guidance or protocols established by the County Department of Public Health. This Order, beginning June 19, 2020, requires all persons wear a mask over both the nose and mouth whenever they leave their place of residence and are or can be in contact with or walking near or past others who are non-household members in both public and private places, whether indoors or outdoors. This includes wearing a mask when patronizing a business. Fully vaccinated people engaging in social activities in public settings must also continue to follow these requirements, including avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, and washing their hands or using hand sanitizer frequently. Wearing a mask reduces the risk of transmission to others from people who do not have symptoms and do not know they are infected. Wearing a mask protects others as well as you. Masks work best when everyone wears one.

- c) Fully vaccinated people³ engaging in social activities in public settings must also continue to follow the above requirements, including avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, and washing their hands or using hand sanitizer frequently.
 - d) Persons and businesses within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction are required to follow the COVID-19 infection control protocols and guidance provided by the County Department of Public Health. In instances where the County has not provided a specific guidance or protocol, specific guidance or protocols established by the State Public Health Officer shall control.
 - i. In the event that an owner, manager, or operator of any business knows of three (3) or more cases of COVID-19 among their employees within a span of 14 days, the employer must report this outbreak to the Department of Public Health at (888) 397-3993 or (213) 240-7821, or online at www.redcap.link/covidreport.
 - ii. In the event that an owner, manager, or operator of any business is informed that one or more employees, assigned or contracted workers, or volunteers of the business has tested positive for, or has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (case), the employer must have a protocol to require the case(s) to isolate themselves at home and require the immediate self-quarantine of all employees that had a workplace exposure to the case(s).
 - e) Pursuant to the State of California's action⁴ and the United States District Court Central District of California's order,⁵ jurisdictions within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction are expected to comply with the provision of hotel and motel rooms for vulnerable people experiencing homelessness through Project Roomkey, which slows the spread of COVID-19 and retains capacity of the healthcare system.
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 as much as possible during the pandemic. People in these categories should leave their residences only when necessary to seek medical care, including vaccinations, exercise or obtain food or other necessities. People in these categories should avoid any gatherings. The Health Officer strongly recommends that all 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 condition(s).

³ People are considered "fully vaccinated" for COVID-19 2 weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (e.g., Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) or 2 weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine (e.g., Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen).

⁴ Office of Governor Gavin Newsom, Action re: Project Roomkey, 4/3/2020, <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/04/03/at-newly-converted-motel-governor-newsom-launches-project-roomkey-a-first-in-the-nation-initiative-to-secure-hotel-motel-rooms-to-protect-homeless-individuals-from-covid-19/>; 2020-21 May Revision to the Governor's Budget, Project Roomkey, pg. 78-79

⁵ Order re: Preliminary Injunction (Case No. LA CV 20-02291-DOC-KES), LA Alliance for Human Rights et al v. City of Los Angeles et al, States District Court Central District of California, 5/15/2020.

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 responders; 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, volunteers, or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions. All Essential Governmental Functions should be performed in compliance with the Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol (as defined in Paragraph 20 of this Order), 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 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) Lounges and nightclubs;
 - b) Bars that possess a valid low risk restaurant public health permit issued by the County of Los Angeles.
 - c) [Intentionally omitted];
 - d) Public entertainment venues: live performance theaters, concert venues, theme parks, and festivals;
 - e) Family entertainment centers for indoor operations only and other prohibited activities under **Appendix V**;
 - f) [Intentionally omitted.];
 - g) [Intentionally omitted.];

- h) Indoor playgrounds;
 - i) [Intentionally omitted];
 - j) Hot tubs, steam rooms and saunas not located on a residential property;
 - k) All events and gatherings, unless specifically allowed by this Order.
8. All businesses, unless specific modifications are required by this Order, may remain open to the public and conduct normal business operations, provided that they implement and maintain the Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol as defined in Paragraph 20 and comply with the Social (Physical) Distancing requirements attached to this Order as **Appendix A**. Further, all businesses must also comply with the applicable Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocol(s) for its business sector. Businesses and customers should continue to regularly check the County DPH website (<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/index.htm>) for updates to their sector-specific protocol(s) to ensure they are in compliance with the most current, required safety modifications. A business owner, manager, or operator must prepare and post a Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol and any other applicable protocol for each facility or office located within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction and must ensure that the business meets all other requirements of all applicable protocols and 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. There are four categories of Lower-Risk Businesses that may remain open under this Order: (1) retailers (“Lower-Risk Retail Businesses”), (2) manufacturing and logistics sector businesses that supply Lower-Risk Retail Businesses, (3) Non-Essential office-based businesses (although telework is strongly encouraged), and (4) Indoor Malls and Shopping Centers. These four categories of Lower-Risk Businesses may reopen subject to the following conditions:
- a) For any Lower-Risk Retail Business that sells goods and services, the owner, manager, or operator must, for each facility located within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction, review, prepare, implement and post the Reopening Protocols for Retail Establishments: Opening for In Person Shopping, attached to this Order as **Appendix B**. Lower-Risk Retail Businesses that are open for indoor operations must limit indoor capacity to 50% of maximum occupancy.
 - b) 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 review, 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**.
 - c) For any Non-Essential office-based business, all indoor portions and operations must cease in-person operations until further notice. Non-essential office-based businesses whose operations require employees to work from an office worksite, and that this Order does not identify as an Essential Business, Healthcare Operation, or Essential Infrastructure, may operate via telework and for Minimum

Basic Operations only. Essential Businesses, Healthcare Operations, or Essential Infrastructure must require employees to telework to the extent feasible and any in-person operations must be in accordance with the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol Office-Based Worksites, attached to this Order as **Appendix D**. Essential office-based businesses that **must** open **indoors** for **essential operations that cannot be done remotely** must limit indoor capacity to 50% of maximum occupancy. This restriction does not apply to Healthcare Operations, Essential Infrastructure, and Essential Government Functions.

- d) For Indoor Malls and Shopping Centers, defined as: A building with (7) or more sales or retail establishments with adjoining indoor space, the owner or operator of the Indoor Mall or Shopping Center, including indoor swap meets, may remain open at up to 50% of overall mall or shopping center capacity. Food court occupancy is limited to 25% capacity. All Mall and Shopping Center restaurants must review and adhere to the requirements of **Appendix I**. Members of the public may only consume food or beverages in designated indoor or outdoor dining areas. Other common areas located within an Indoor Mall or Shopping Center must remain closed to the public until further notice. Higher-risk businesses located within an Indoor Mall or Shopping Center must continue to comply with Paragraph 7 of this Order and remain closed until each of those types of establishments is allowed to resume modified or full operations. All businesses located within an Indoor Mall or Shopping Center, and not subject to Paragraph 7 of this Order, must adhere to the applicable requirements of this Order. The owner or operator of the Indoor Mall or Shopping Center must review, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocols for Shopping Center Operators, attached to this Order as **Appendix E**.

9.5. The State Public Health Officer has provided a framework for certain sectors, businesses, and activities in the Blueprint for a Safer Economy to conditionally reopen with workplace and operational modifications to lower the risk of COVID-19 spread in the workplace or during the activity. The Health Officer, after considering local epidemiological data and after consultation with the Board of Supervisors, continues to approve the operations of the following specific sectors, businesses, and activities subject to the following conditions listed below and those specified in the County sector-specific reopening protocol(s) located at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/index.htm>:

- a) Music, film and television production. Operations for music, film and television production may continue. The owner, manager, or operator of music, film and television production must review, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Music, Film and Television Production, attached to this Order as **Appendix J**, as well as abide by applicable industry-generated protocols.
- b) Day camps. Day camps may remain open. Day camp owners and operators must implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Day Camps, attached to this Order as **Appendix K**.

- c) Fitness facilities. Fitness facilities, including private gymnasiums, may be open for outdoor and limited capacity indoor operations only. The indoor occupancy at gyms and fitness facilities is limited to 10% of indoor occupancy. The owner, manager, or operator of fitness facilities must, prior to reopening for indoor operations, review, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Gyms and Fitness Establishments, attached to this Order as **Appendix L**.
- d) Outdoor portions of museums, galleries, botanical gardens, and outdoor facilities at zoos, aquariums, and other similar exhibition spaces (collectively, "Museums") may remain open to the public. The indoor portions of Museums may open to the public and are limited to 25% of indoor occupancy. The owner, manager, or operator of Museums and exhibition spaces must, prior to reopening for indoor operations, review, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Museums, Galleries, Zoos, and Aquariums, attached to this Order as **Appendix M**.
- e) Professional sports without audiences. Professional sports teams and franchises may continue operations and competitions without audiences. The owner, manager, or operator of professional sports teams and franchises must review, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocol for Professional Sports Leagues and Facilities Opening for Training Sessions and Spectator-Free Events, attached to this Order as **Appendix N**, as well as abide by applicable industry-generated protocols.
- f) Campgrounds, RV Parks and associated outdoor activities. Campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks may remain open. The owner, manager, or operator of campgrounds and RV Parks must review, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Campgrounds, RV parks and Cabin Rental Units, attached to this Order as **Appendix O**.
- g) Schools (K-12) and School Districts. All public and private schools (K-12) and school districts within the County of Los Angeles may open for in-person classes. Reopening of in-person classes in elementary schools requires that students be assigned to a stable group. Middle and high schools should consider creating stable groups of students as a best practice. Educational facilities serving students at any grade level must review and adhere to all provisions for safe opening of schools, as outlined in **Appendix T1: Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools**. Schools and School Districts that are permitted to reopen must follow the Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools and the Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan in K-12 Schools, attached to this Order as **Appendices T1 & T2**. Schools may continue to offer day care for school-aged children so that essential members of the workforce continue to have available childcare. Schools offering day care for school-aged children must adhere to all provisions in the protocol for Programs Providing Day Care for School-Aged Children. Schools that have not yet fully reopened all grades for in-person instruction may continue to offer specialized school services in those grades not yet reopened for small, stable cohorts of students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or English Learners (ELs) needing assessments and/or

specialized in school services, with priority given to students with disabilities. Other prioritized groups for in-person support and services include students not participating in distance learning, students at risk of abuse or neglect, foster youth, and students experiencing homelessness. Specialized services that require cohorting of students must limit the maximum stable cohort size to no more than fourteen (14) students and two (2) supervising adults and must adhere to all provisions for safe operation of schools, as outlined in **Appendix T1: Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools**.

- h) **Personal Care Establishments.** Personal Care Establishments may reopen for indoor operations with required modifications. Personal Care Establishments also include hair salons, nail salons, barbershops, esthetic, skin care, electrology, body art professionals, tattoo parlors, and piercing shops, tanning salons and massage therapy (in non-healthcare settings). Indoor occupancy at Personal Care Establishments is limited to 50% of maximum capacity at all times. Services at Personal Care Establishments may only be provided by appointment. Customers and staff must keep their masks on, over both their nose and mouth, at all times; services that require a customer/client or a personal care attendant to remove their mask, e.g., facials and shaves, are prohibited. The owner, manager or operator of a personal care establishment must review, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Personal Care Establishments, attached to this Order as **Appendix R**.
- i) **Institutes of Higher Education.** Colleges and universities in Los Angeles County may offer in-person academic instruction with limitations and modifications. Capacity for indoor lectures must be limited to 25% occupancy or 100 people, whichever is less. Courses conducted in certain indoor settings, like labs or studio arts, are exempt from the occupancy limitations that apply to indoor lectures. Maximum capacity for those settings is dependent on the size of the instructional space and the ability to maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times between all students and staff. Academic instruction should continue to be offered synchronously via distance-learning to the extent practicable as specified in the County's Protocols for Institutes of Higher Education attached to this Order as **Appendix U**. Student activities should be conducted virtually when possible. Student activities held in person must be limited to gatherings of 25% capacity or 100 students, whichever is smaller, for an outdoor space; or 25% capacity or 50 students, whichever is smaller, for an indoor space. Faculty and other staff may come to campus for the purpose of providing distance learning, and other activities related to the purposes above, as well as maintaining minimum basic operations. The institution must review and comply with all relevant portions of the County's Protocols for Institutes of Higher Education to maximize safety for all employees.
- j) **Cardrooms.** Cardrooms, satellite wagering facilities, and racetrack onsite wagering facilities may remain open for outdoor operations only. The indoor portions of cardrooms remain closed to the public until further notice. No food or beverages are permitted at or near the gaming tables or machines. The owner or operator of a cardroom must review, prepare, implement and post the required Los

Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Cardrooms attached to this Order as **Appendix Q**.

- k) Miniature Golf, Batting Cages, and Go Cart Racing. Miniature Golf, Batting Cages, and Go Cart Racing may remain open for outdoor operations only. The indoor portions of these businesses remain closed to the public until further notice. Arcade and other amusement games may not be operated outside. Food and beverages may not be consumed during use of the miniature golf course, batting cages or go carts. The owner or operator of an establishment that offers miniature golf, batting cages, and/or go cart racing must review, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles Public Health Protocols for Miniature Golf, Batting Cages, and Go Cart Racing attached to this Order as **Appendix V**.
- l) Youth and Adult Recreational Sports. K-12 School programs, community sponsored recreational programs, and private clubs and leagues for all organized youth sports, and adults playing recreational sports must all follow this protocol, which is attached to this Order as **Appendix S**.
- m) Limited Services. For purposes of this Order, Limited Services businesses are businesses that are not clearly classified as a retail business, and do not generally require close customer contact. Limited services include those essential and other businesses that can provide services while maintaining appropriate physical distancing from customers or the public. Examples of businesses in the limited services industry include laundromats, dry cleaners, bank and credit union branches, tax services, check cashing, automobile dealerships, non-school learning centers, auto repair shops, car washes, landscapers, door to door services and sales, pet grooming, and dog walking. Limited services businesses may remain open at 50% maximum indoor occupancy. The owner or operator of a Limited Services business must prepare, implement, and post the required Los Angeles County Public Health Protocols for Limited Services Businesses which is attached to this Order as **Appendix W**.
- n) Movie Theaters. Movie Theaters may reopen to the public at 25% of maximum indoor occupancy or 100 people, whichever is fewer. Customers may only purchase tickets for reserved seating only. Groups of customers must be seated in the theater at least 6 feet away from other customers. The owner or operator of a Movie Theater must prepare, implement, and post the required Los Angeles County Public Health Protocols for Movie Theaters which is attached to this Order as **Appendix X**.
- o) Breweries, Wineries and Craft Distilleries. Wineries, Breweries and Craft Distilleries that do not possess a public health permit from the County of Los Angeles may operate outdoors in compliance with **Appendix Y**. Wineries, Breweries, and Craft Distilleries may operate indoors at 25% of maximum indoor capacity, only if the establishment sells alcohol in the same transaction as a bona fide meal and in compliance with all requirements of the Restaurant Protocol, **Appendix I**.

REASONS FOR THE ORDER

10. This Order is based upon the following determinations: evidence of continued community transmission of COVID-19 within the County; asymptomatic transmission has been documented; 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 spread of COVID-19.
11. Existing community transmission of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County remains substantial and continues to present a substantial and significant risk of harm to residents' health. Vaccinations are occurring as quickly as supplies allow, but most people in our community are still not vaccinated. New variants of the virus that may spread more easily or cause more severe illness are present in our county; however, their impact on our local epidemic is largely unknown. As of **March 19, 2021**, there have been at least **1,213,288** cases of COVID-19 and **22,722** deaths reported in Los Angeles County. There remains a strong likelihood that increased interactions among members of the public will result in 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, at times, survive for several hours 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. Epidemiologic evidence suggests that the rate of community transmission, hospitalizations and testing positivity rates have substantially declined to a point that allows the County of Los Angeles to move to a less restrictive tier, the Red Tier, as established by the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Unfortunately, COVID-19 transmission remains substantial in Los Angeles County. Although over a million County residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, the public health emergency and attendant risks to the public's health associated with 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. 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 assess the impact of easing restrictions and re-opening sectors. Those Indicators include, but are not limited to:
- a) The number of new cases, hospitalizations and deaths and the testing positivity rate.
 - 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. The following activities are permitted under this Order:
- a) Engaging in activities or performing tasks important to the health and safety of family or household members (including pets), such as, visiting a health or veterinary care professional, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a physician or child's pediatrician for routine care, such as, well-child visits and vaccinations;
 - b) Obtaining necessary services and supplies for family or household members, or delivering the same, such as, obtaining grocery items or necessary supplies from Essential Businesses for one's household or for delivery to others;
 - c) Performing work for or accessing businesses that are open, or to carry out Minimum Basic Operations for businesses that are closed or operating remotely.
 - d) Obtaining or accessing services from Essential Governmental Functions, such as, accessing court, social and administrative services, or complying with an order of law enforcement or court;
 - e) Caring for minors, the elderly, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;
 - f) Obtaining 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 12 people or fewer and Social (Physical) Distancing is practiced.

- g) Obtaining in-person faith-based counselling services where the service cannot reasonably be practiced remotely, provided that the gathering is limited to **12** people or fewer and Social (Physical) Distancing is practiced.
- h) Attending faith-based services. Places of Worship should engage in outdoor or remote faith-based services and other related activities for all attendees, especially for those who are vulnerable to COVID-19 including older adults and those with co-morbidities given the currently substantial rate of community transmission, hospitalizations, and premature deaths associated with COVID-19. If drive-in outdoor services are offered, cars are directed to park at least 6 feet apart. When carrying out virtual activities indoors, it is recommended that no more than 10 individuals participate in production and broadcast process; anyone participating in production and broadcast must follow infection control and physical distancing requirements. If in-person outdoor services are held, the number of persons on-site outdoors at any time shall be reduced as needed to permit compliance with physical distancing requirements. If in-person indoor services are held, the number of persons in attendance indoors shall be limited to 25% of the maximum occupancy, based on the applicable Building Code or Fire Code. All persons attending either indoor or outdoor services must comply with the infection control and physical distancing requirements, as specified in Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol (**Appendix A**), including but not limited to, clergy, staff, choir, volunteers, attendees, and any visitors at the facility maintaining a minimum of six feet between others from different households and all must wear a face covering or mask over both the nose and mouth at all times while in or on the grounds of the facility and when walking near or past non-household members, among others. The California Department of Public Health advises that “activities such as singing, and chanting negate the risk-reduction achieved through six feet of physical distancing” due to an increased likelihood for transmission from contaminated exhaled droplets. Consider practicing these activities through alternative methods (such as internet streaming) that ensure individual congregation members perform these activities separately in their own homes or alone in a separate room at the Place of Worship. Please review the State Industry Guidance for Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies [here](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends organizations consider temporarily suspending singing, chanting, or shouting, especially when indoors. If attendees choose to sing, chant, or shout, encourage them to continue wearing their masks while doing so and increase the distance between people to greater than 6 feet. Faith-based organizations holding in-person services, must review and follow the Department of Public Health Social (Physical) Distancing Protocols, attached to this Order as **Appendix A**.
- i) Engaging in outdoor recreation activity, in compliance with Social (Physical) Distancing requirements and wearing a mask, subject to the following limitations:
- i. Outdoor recreation activity at parks, trails, piers, and beaches, and other open spaces must comply with any access or use restrictions separately 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, children's playgrounds, shooting and archery ranges, equestrian centers, model airplane areas, community gardens, skate parks, and bike parks, must comply with any access or use restrictions separately 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.
 - iv. Swimming pools and splash pads in any non-residential setting may reopen on June 12, 2020, with the owner, manager, or operator of the swimming pool or splash pad implementing and posting the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocol for Swimming Pools. All hot tubs, saunas, and steam rooms located on non-residential property remain closed.
 - v. For-hire fishing, guided fishing, or small-group chartered boat trips may resume operating on June 12, 2020, with the owner, manager, or operator of the charter business implementing the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocols for Small Water Vessel Charters.
 - j) Participating 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 submit a safety plan 10 days in advance to ehmail@ph.lacounty.gov and comply with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Vehicle-Based Parade Protocol, attached to this Order as **Appendix G**.
 - k) Participating in an in-person protest as long as the protest is held outdoors. Outdoor protests are permitted without a limit on attendees. Persons participating in a protest must wear a mask and maintain physical distancing of six (6) feet between persons or groups of persons from different households at all times, as well as observe the Department of Public Health Protocol for Public Demonstrations.
16. Individuals may work for, train 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, blood and blood product donation organizations, 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.

17. Individuals may provide any service, train for, 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, training for, 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. Occupancy at stand-alone grocery stores remains limited to comply with the continuing requirement that customers must have sufficient space to remain physically distanced by at least 6 feet at all times. Public Health strongly recommends that stand-alone grocery stores where the principal business activity is the sale of food operate at 50% of maximum occupancy (based on building code occupancy limits) in order to allow time for grocery store workers to obtain COVID-19 vaccinations. All access to grocery stores and retail food markets should be strictly metered to ensure compliance with the limit on capacity. The sale of food, beverages, and alcohol for in-store consumption is prohibited. Retail food markets, including but not limited to grocery stores, convenience stores, liquor stores and other retail locations that sell food or beverage products and that are required to have a health permit issued by the Department of Public Health as a Food Market Retail, must review and comply with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocols for Grocery Stores and Retail Food Markets, attached to this Order as **Appendix B-1**;
- 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, including taped, digitally recorded or online-streamed content of any sort that is produced by one or more members of a single household, within the household's

- residence and without the physical presence of any non-member 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);
 - k) Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers. Limited services businesses may remain open at 50% maximum indoor occupancy, with specific modifications listed in **Appendix W**;
 - l) Restaurants and other food facilities that prepare and serve food. Restaurants open for delivery, drive thru, carry out, outdoor dining, and indoor dining at 25% of maximum indoor capacity or 100 persons, whichever is fewer, with specific modifications for both outdoor and indoor dining listed in **Appendix I**. Restaurants with a moderate risk or high risk restaurant permit issued by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health and other food facilities must review and follow the most current County Protocols for Restaurants, attached to this Order as **Appendix I**. 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. All childcare facilities, including those operating at schools, must operate under the LAC DPH Childcare Guidance and the following conditions: (1) Childcare must be carried out in stable cohorts of no more than fourteen (14) children and two (2) supervising adults ("stable" means the same fourteen (14) or fewer children and two (2) adults 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 not be assigned to more than two different stable cohorts of children;
 - v) Hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities. Hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities may reopen for tourism and individual travel, in adherence with the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Hotels, Lodging and Short-Term Rentals, attached to this Order as **Appendix P**;
 - 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;
 - x) [Intentionally omitted].
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 mask when whenever an individual leaves their home or place of residence, and when an individual is or can be in contact with or walking by or past others who are non-household members in both public and private places, whether indoors or outdoors. Wearing a mask over both the nose and mouth reduces the risk of transmission to others from people who do not have symptoms and do not know they are infected; 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 masks, 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 masks to employees and contracted workers whose duties require close contact with other employees and/or the public. Those who have been instructed by their medical provider that they should not wear a mask should wear a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, to be in compliance with State directives, as long as their condition permits it. A drape that is form fitting under the chin is preferred. Masks with one-way valves should not be used.
- g) Requiring that members of the public who enter the facility wear a mask over both the nose and mouth, which reduces the risk of "asymptomatic" or "pre-symptomatic" transmission to workers and others, 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/.

21. Operators of businesses that are required to cease in-person operations may conduct 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.

ADDITIONAL TERMS

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 consideration of the County's current status within the tiered reopening approach of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy issued August 28, 2020. This Order may be revised in the future as the State Public Health Officer progressively designates sectors, businesses, establishments, or activities for reopening with required modifications or closure at a pace designed to protect health and safety. Should local COVID-19 conditions warrant, the Health Officer may, after consultation with the Board of Supervisors, issue orders that are more restrictive than the guidance and orders issued by the State Public Health Officer.
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 at 12:01am on **Saturday, March 20, 2021** and will continue to be until it is revised, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



3/19/2021

Muntu Davis, M.D., M.P.H.

Date

Health Officer,
County of Los Angeles

Appendices At-A-Glance

Businesses and customers should continue reviewing sector-specific protocol on a regular basis to ensure they are complying with the latest health protection and prevention measures.

All DPH protocol is available at:

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

Appendix A: Protocol for Social Distancing [Revised 3/5/2021]

Appendix B: Protocols for Retail Establishments Opening for In-person Shopping [Revised 3/12/2021]

Appendix B-1: Protocols for Grocery Stores and Retail Food Markets [Revised 3/12/2021]

Appendix C: Reopening Protocol for Warehousing, Manufacturing and Logistic Establishments [Revised 2/5/2021]

Appendix D: Protocols for Office-Based Worksites [Revised 3/19/2021]

Appendix E: Protocols for Shopping Center Operators [Revised 3/12/2021]

Appendix F: [Rescinded on 12/29/2020]

Appendix G: Protocol for Vehicle-Based Parades [Revised 10/13/2020]

Appendix H: [Rescinded and Incorporated into Appendix R on 10/23/2020]

Appendix I: Protocol for Restaurants [Revised 3/19/2021]

Appendix J: Reopening Protocol for Music, Film, and Television Production [Revised 1/22/2021]

Appendix K: Reopening Protocol for Day Camps [Revised 3/14/2021]

Appendix L: Reopening Protocol for Gyms and Fitness Establishments [Revised 3/12/2021]

Appendix M: Reopening Protocol for Museums, Galleries, Zoos, and Aquariums [Revised 3/12/2021]

Appendix N: Protocol for Professional Sports Leagues and Facilities Opening for Training Sessions and Spectator-Free Events [Revised 12/12/2020]

Appendix O: Reopening Protocol for Campgrounds, RV parks and Cabin Rental Units [Revised 1/28/2021]

Appendix P: Reopening Protocol for Hotels, Lodging, and Short-Term Rentals [Revised 3/12/2021]

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Appendix R: Reopening Protocol for Personal Care Establishments [Revised 3/12/2021]

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Appendix T2: Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan in K-12 Schools [Revised 3/11/2021]

Appendix U: Reopening Protocol for Institutes of Higher Education [Revised 3/12/2021]

Appendix V: Protocols for Miniature Golf, Batting Cages, and Go Cart Racing [Revised 3/12/2021]

Appendix W: Protocols for Limited Services Businesses [Issued 3/19/2021]

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