



**Public Health
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ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19

**REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS PERTAINING TO
SCREENING, SELF-EVALUATION FOR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AND MASKING IN A
BUSINESS, PUBLIC AGENCY, NONPROFIT, FAITH-BASED, LICENSED ENTITY OR
OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

DATE OF ORDER: JUNE 15, 2021

Please read this Order carefully.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CODE SECTION 31.0101 ET. SEQ., THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, and on March 10, 2020, the County of San Bernardino declared a local emergency and a local health emergency in relation COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, in direct response to the strain on the healthcare infrastructure, governments across the nation have been taking actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in order to reduce the numbers of individuals infected at any one time by minimizing situations where the virus can spread; and

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WHEREAS, social distancing alone in certain Licensed Entities or Other Agencies, defined as those listed in Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, may not be effective due to the concentration of individuals and the nature of the services provided; and

WHEREAS, this Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials throughout the United States and around the world, about the Symptoms that may be related to COVID-19, defined as those listed in Attachment B, attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CODE SECTION 31.0101 ET. SEQ., THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ("HEALTH OFFICER") ORDERS:

This order shall be Effective 12:00 am on June 15, 2021. This order supersedes and replaces related Orders dated May 8, 2020 titled "Requirements for All Individuals Entering Certain Licensed Facilities and Other Agencies Who Are Not A Patient, Existing Resident or New Resident".

1. **Self-Evaluation and Screenings.**
 - a. For non-licensed entities and other agencies listed in Attachment A
 - i. All staff, service providers, vendors or contractors are encouraged to provide screenings at the entrance to the organization
 - ii. This can be done at the discretion of the organization and in accordance with the California Department of Public Health guidelines.
 - b. Licensed Entities and Other Agencies listed in Attachment A
 - i. All staff, service providers, vendors or contractors shall follow the guidance outlined in the March 3, 2020 California Department of Public Health All Facilities Letter (AFL) 20-17 titled "Guidance for Healthcare Facilities on Preparing for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)", including, all subsequent repeals and/or amendments
2. **Face Coverings.** The County of San Bernardino will follow the guidelines set forth by the California Department of Public Health.
3. **Basis for Order.** The Health Officer finds:
 - a. SARS-CoV2 is a highly-contagious virus that has resulted in a global pandemic, and causes COVID-19, a serious illness that has caused an alarming number of deaths.
4. **Intent of Order.** This Order is intended to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure in certain Licensed Entity and Other Agencies as well as businesses, public agencies, nonprofits and faith-based organizations, and if applicable to the residents living in such Licensed Entity or other Agencies by prohibiting the entrance of individuals with symptoms. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.

5. **Incorporation of Other Orders.** This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the: March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 10, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in San Bernardino County; the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino proclaiming the existence of a Local Emergency in the County of San Bernardino regarding COVID-19; the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino ratifying and extending the Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to COVID-19; and Executive Order N-33-20 of the Governor of California and Order of the State Public Health Officer issued on March 19, 2020.
6. **Other Guidance.** This Order is issued based on evidence of continued transmission of COVID-19 both within the County and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.
7. **Legal Authority.** This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101030, et seq.; Health and Safety Code sections 120100, et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.
8. **Severability of Order.** This Order shall not supersede any conflicting or more restrictive orders issued by the State of California or Federal governments. If any portion of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.
9. **Enforcement Authority.** Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295; County Code Section 31.0101 et. Seq.) To the extent necessary, pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, this order is enforceable by the Sheriff and all Chiefs of Police in the County. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health and is a crime punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine or imprisonment up to 90 days, or both.

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of San Bernardino Health Administration office located at 351 N. Mountain View Ave., #303, San Bernardino, CA 92415; (2) posted on the County of San Bernardino Public Health Department's website (wp.sbcounty.gov/dph); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Dated: 6,10,21

Dr. Michael Sequeira MD
Public Health Officer
County of San Bernardino

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

As Director of Emergency Services for the County of San Bernardino, I am authorized to promulgate regulations for the protection of life and property pursuant to Government Code Section 8634 and San Bernardino County Code section 21.0105. The following shall be in effect for the duration of the Health Officer Order issued above which is incorporated in its entirety by reference: The Health Officer Order shall be promulgated as a regulation for the protection of life and property. Any person who violates or who refuses or willfully neglects to obey this regulation is subject to fine, imprisonment, or both. (Government Code Section 8665.)



Leonard X. Hernandez
Director/CEO
Office of Emergency Services
County of San Bernardino

Dated: 6.10.2021

Approved as to form and legality:



Michelle D. Blakemore
County Counsel
County of San Bernardino

Dated: 6-10-2021

Attachment A

The Health Officer orders that all individuals entering the Licensed Entities or Other Agencies listed below submit to screening, by the least intrusive means as possible; and conduct a self-evaluation for COVID-19 symptoms, prior to entering these locations:

- Hospitals including General Acute Care
- Psychiatric Health Facilities
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Intermediate Care Facilities of all license types
- Hospice Facilities
- Home Health and Hospice Agencies
- Home Care Organizations
- Chronic Dialysis Clinic
- Federally Qualified Health Care Centers
- Community Clinics
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly
- Residential Facility Chronically Ill
- Social Rehabilitation Facility
- Continuing Care Retirement Communities
- Urgent Care Centers
- EMS Providers
- Adult Residential Care Facilities (ARF) all license types

Attachment B

COVID-19 SELF-EVALUATION

An order of the San Bernardino County Health Officer requires individuals to conduct a self-evaluation prior to entering certain Licensed Residential Facilities and prohibits you from entering if you have any of the following mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 or other respiratory illnesses:

- Sore Throat
- Runny Nose
- Fever
- Chills
- Not Feeling Well
- Sneezing
- Coughing
- Gastro-Intestinal symptoms such as:
- Soft Stool
- Stomach Cramps

DO NOT ENTER FACILITIES LISTED IN ATTACHMENT A

IF YOU HAVE THESE SYMPTOMS