

RESCISSION OF HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA

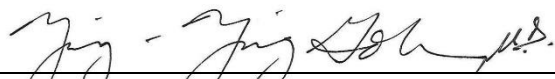
**RESCISSION OF ORDER REQUIRING WEARING OF FACE MASKS BY PERSONNEL, PATIENTS,
CLIENTS AND VISITORS IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS**

Date Issued: March 5, 2024
Date Effective: March 5, 2024

Effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 5, 2024, the Order Requiring Wearing of Face Masks by Personnel, Patients, Clients, and Visitors in Health Care Settings issued on March 29, 2023, by the Health Officer of the City of Pasadena is rescinded in its entirety. The [Health Officer Order for Mandatory Annual Influenza and Updated COVID-19 Immunization Program for Health Care Personnel During the Respiratory Virus Season](#) (originally issued November 22, 2023; revised March 5, 2024) remains in place, requiring health care personnel who have not received the annual influenza and [updated COVID-19](#) vaccines for the 2023-24 respiratory virus season (November 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024) to wear a well-fitting face covering while in patient care areas. Additionally, health care personnel must follow state or federal requirements for masking (e.g., as specified in California Department of Public Health All Facilities Letters (CDPH AFLs)).

While the SARS-CoV-2 virus (that causes COVID-19), including other future variants or subvariants, remain a concern for all Pasadena residents, the virus poses a particular risk to the health of medically vulnerable residents and people who might be exposed due to their circumstances. Patients, clients, and residents in health care settings have little choice about their potential exposure to COVID-19 when they seek care or reside in congregate settings, and many of them are at greater risk for complications related to COVID-19. To reduce risks, it is strongly recommended that workers in designated health care facilities—meaning general acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, other types of ambulatory care settings, pre-hospital care settings, and direct care and home care setting—continue to wear a well-fitting [face covering](#) while taking care of and interacting with patients/clients and when in patient or direct care settings where patients/clients are present. It is also strongly recommended that patients/clients and visitors wear a well-fitting face covering in these designated health care facilities.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Ying-Ying Goh, MD, MSHS
Health Officer, City of Pasadena

March 5, 2024

Date