

**CITY OF PASADENA HEALTH OFFICER ORDER
FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19**

**ORDER TO COMPLY WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY – GATHERINGS, PRIVATE EVENTS
AND INDOOR SEATED LIVE EVENTS – ORANGE TIER**

This Order Issued: April 15, 2021

This Order is in effect as of April 15, 2021, 12:01 AM until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.

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.)

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER:

California is in a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Pasadena Health Officer (“Health Officer”) has issued a number of Orders to help slow COVID-19’s spread, protect vulnerable individuals, and prevent the healthcare system in and around the City of Pasadena from being overwhelmed. The Revised Safer at Home Orders, dated March 22, 2020 and supplemented April 11 and May 15, 26 and 29, June 11, 18 and 28, 2020, and July 1 and 14, 2020 issued by the Health Officer, as amended (<https://www.cityofpasadena.net/public-health/health-order/covid-19/>) as well as other “Safer at Home” orders issued by other jurisdictions have proven to slow the spread of COVID-19.

At this time, as the City of Pasadena Public Health Jurisdiction enters the “Orange Tier” (Tier 3, moderate transmission) of the [State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), certain activities are allowed to resume. However, just because certain activities are allowed or protocols are modified does not mean those activities are “safe” or without risk to individuals. The Health Officer continues to urge residents to proceed with caution and to adhere to risk-reducing measures including strictly and consistently wearing masks and following physical distancing requirements and all other business- or activity-specific protocols.

This Order authorizes and provides restrictions and protocols for newly permitted private social gatherings, private events, and indoor live events and entertainment in accordance with Orange Tier of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, issued by the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) on August 28, 2020, as periodically updated by the CDPH and as implemented by the protocols set forth by the Health Officer.

This Order supersedes all previous Health Officer Orders that are not consistent with the terms of this Order.

Except as provided for herein, all previous orders of the Health Officer remain in full force and effect.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 120175 et seq., AND THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.04.010, THE CITY OF PASADENA HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:

1. This Order requires all individuals and businesses to comply with the restrictions and limitations for social gatherings, private events, and indoor seated events and live performances in the Orange Tier, as set forth in the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, issued by the CDPH on August 28, 2020 as periodically updated by the CDPH <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#stay-home-order>, and as implemented by the Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) protocols established by the Health Officer as set forth herein <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/covid-19/#guidance-faq-protocols>:
 - Outdoor private social gatherings of up to 50 people are permitted with wearing of face masks and physical distancing;
 - Private indoor gatherings are strongly discouraged, but are allowed with modifications. Private indoor gatherings can occur with up to with a maximum of 25% capacity in settings where capacity limits exist or 25 people, whichever is fewer. Wearing of face masks and physical distancing of 6 feet or more are required. Food and drink indoors is strongly discouraged. While face masks are removed for eating or drinking, individuals must stay at least 6 feet away from everyone outside their own household, and put their mask back on as soon as they are done with the activity. When persons are not able to consume food and drink outdoors instead of indoors, windows and doors should remain open as much as possible to provide good air circulation and ventilation.
 - Private events, such as meetings, receptions and conferences that are ticketed with assigned seating, are permitted to be held outdoors with a maximum of 100 guests. With proof of full vaccination or testing as specified in the CDPH [Addendum to Blueprint Activity and Business Tiers Chart – Tested and Fully Vaccinated Individuals and Sections](#), private events up to 300 people outdoors or 150 guests indoors are permitted; and all events must be in full compliance with [additional restrictions and protocols](#);
 - Indoor seated live events and performances are permitted subject to the following limitations and must be in full compliance with [additional restrictions and protocols](#):
 - Instate visitors only;
 - Weekly worker testing program must be in place;
 - All tickets must be delivered by digital, advanced purchase only;

- Eating and drinking may take place in pre-designated eating areas only (no eating or drinking in seats), with six feet of distance between parties;
 - Suites are limited to 25% capacity, with a maximum of three households;
 - Venues with a capacity of up to 1500 attendees are limited to a maximum of 15% or 200 attendees (or 35% if all attendees show proof of full vaccination or testing as specified in the CDPH [Addendum to Blueprint Activity and Business Tiers Chart – Tested and Fully Vaccinated Individuals and Sections](#));
 - Venues with a capacity of greater than 1500 attendees are limited to a maximum of 10% capacity or 2,000 attendees, whichever is fewer, (or 35% if all attendees show proof of full vaccination or testing as specified in the CDPH [Addendum to Blueprint Activity and Business Tiers Chart – Tested and Fully Vaccinated Individuals and Sections](#)).
2. Small private gatherings of fully vaccinated individuals are now allowed in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html#anchor_1615134468166. However, gatherings are not risk-free and measures should be taken to reduce risk as well as to protect high-risk individuals.

Fully vaccinated people should continue to follow [guidance](#) to protect themselves and others, including wearing a well-fitted [mask](#), [physical distancing](#) (at least 6 feet), avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, [washing hands](#) often, and following any applicable workplace or school guidance. Fully vaccinated people should still watch for [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, especially following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. If symptoms develop, all people – regardless of vaccination status – should isolate and be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, including SARS-CoV-2 testing, if indicated.

3. All other previous orders of the Health Officer, as revised, supplemented and/or amended, remain in full force and effect, except as provided herein. To the extent a conflict exists between this Order and previous orders, the previous orders are hereby superseded and this Order controls.
4. The CDPH has declared that the Q&A and Industry Guidance set forth on the CDPH COVID-19 website have the same force and effect as other State Public Health Officer directives. By way of this Order, the Health Officer adopts such directives as orders as well.
5. Protocols established by the Health Officer to implement health orders issued by the State Public Health Officer or the City of Pasadena Health Officer have the same force and effect as other Orders issued by the Health Officer. To the extent any health order of the Health Officer, including any protocols established to implement any health order, is more restrictive than any order or directive issued by the State Public Health Officer, the health order of the Health Officer shall control.

6. People leaving their residences as permitted by this Order must strictly comply with physical distancing measures, including: maintaining six feet or more of distance between individuals from different households, frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol, and wearing a face mask over the nose and mouth whenever there is or can be contact with others who are non-household members in both public and private places, whether indoors or outdoors.
7. This Order applies to all persons within the City of Pasadena under the Health Officer's jurisdiction.
8. Violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both under California Health and Safety Code Section 120295. This Order will be enforced by the City of Pasadena Police Department, City Attorney/City Prosecutor's Office, and/or any other agency designated by the Pasadena City Manager for enforcement.
9. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order (or any other prior 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 of this Order (or any other prior Order).

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Date: 4/15 /2021

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