

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

**SCHOOLS (K-12)**

**AMENDMENT TO REVISED – SAFER AT HOME ORDER FOR CONTROL OF COVID-19 ISSUED ON MARCH 22, 2020, AND SUPPLEMENTS ISSUED APRIL 11 AND MAY 15, 26 AND 29, JUNE 11, 18, AND 28, 2020, AND JULY 1 and JULY 14, 2020**

**This Order Issued: October 30, 2020**

**This Order is in effect as of 12:01 AM October 30, 2020 until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.**

**Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Revised 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 spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a substantial danger to the health of the public within the City of Pasadena. COVID19 can easily spread between people who are in close contact with one another. Everyone is at risk for becoming ill with COVID-19, but some people are more vulnerable to serious illness, including pneumonia and organ failure, or death, due to their age, physical state, and/or health status.

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 well as other “Safer at Home” orders issued by other jurisdictions have proven to slow the spread of COVID-19.

**This Order allows for the limited reopening of K-12 schools consistent with modifications allowed through Tier 1 (Purple) of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, issued by the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) on August 28, 2020.**

**This Order allows the limited attendance of students receiving specialized and targeted support services such as those in Individual Education Programs (IEPs) and English Learners (ELs), and other high need students on a K-12 campus at no more than 25% capacity at any given time, after the City of Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) has been notified in accordance with the PPHD K-12 Reopening Protocols. This Order further allows the reopening of TK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades for classroom instruction only with a waiver application approved by the PPHD and CDPH.**

**This Order implements the CDPH requirements and is no more restrictive than the State of California provisions.**

**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 allows for the limited attendance at K-12 schools of students receiving specialized and targeted support services such as those in EIPs and ELs, and other high need students at no more than 25% at any given time, after the PPHD has been notified in accordance with PPHD K-12 Reopening Protocols. This Order further allows for the reopening of TK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade for classroom instruction only with a waiver application approved by the PPHD and CDPH. Except as expressly set forth below, nothing in this Order shall be construed as superseding prior Orders of the Health Officer.
  - A. Waiver. K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade schools may seek a waiver, as permitted by the July 17, 2020 State Public Health Officer directive <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/public-health/return-to-school-waiver/>. Schools that are approved for a waiver to reopen for in-person learning must follow the Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools and the Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan in K-12 Schools <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/covid-19/#info-for-schools>.
2. This Order's intent is to continue to ensure that City residents remain in their residences as much as practicable, to limit close contact with others outside their households in both indoor and outdoor spaces. City residents 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 avoid any gatherings, and leave their residences only when necessary to seek medical care, exercise or obtain food or other necessities. All persons who can telework or work from home should continue to do so as much as possible during this pandemic. Nothing in this Order prohibits members of a single household from engaging in activities together or participating in gatherings of no more than three (3) households in accordance with the Health Officer Order issued October 15, 2020. Other gatherings are prohibited within the City of Pasadena Public Health Jurisdiction, except as expressly permitted by this and prior Health Officer Orders.
3. 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 cloth face covering 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, for the purposes of source control.

4. This Order applies to all persons within the City of Pasadena under the Health Officer's jurisdiction.
5. Violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both under California Health and Safety Code Section 120295. This Revised 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.
6. 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: 10/30/2020

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