

**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 – YELLOW TIER**

**This Order Issued: May 4, 2021**

**This Order is in effect as of May 5, 2021, 12:01 AM until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.**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:** As the City of Pasadena enters the “Yellow Tier” (Tier 4, Minimal transmission) of the [State of California Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework](#), this Order amends and removes some prior activity-specific and sector-specific restrictions.

As certain activities are allowed to resume, the City of Pasadena Health Officer (“Health Officer”) continues to urge residents to proceed with caution and understand the requirements to follow public health guidance and protocols. COVID-19 continues to spread in the City of Pasadena and surrounding communities, as well as across the state, country and around the world. Emerging virus variants, increased travel and activity, and individuals who remain unvaccinated all pose real risks to the health of our community. Although certain activities may be allowed or certain reopening protocols are revised, engaging in those activities is not necessarily safe or without risk.

The 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.

**This Order directs all individuals and businesses to comply with Tier 4 (Yellow) 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 set forth in Tier 4 (Yellow) of 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>:
  - Restaurants may open for indoor dining at a maximum of 50% capacity in compliance with the protocol for restaurants, bars and breweries;
  - Bars that are not able to provide a sit-down, bona fide meal with each alcohol transaction may operate indoors with modifications at a maximum capacity of 25% or 100 people, whichever is fewer, and may operate outdoors with modifications, in compliance with the protocol for restaurants, bars and breweries;
  - Breweries that are not able to provide a sit-down, bona fide meal may operate indoors at a maximum of 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer, with modifications in compliance with the protocol for restaurants, bars and breweries;
  - All retail, including standalone grocers, may operate with modifications including physical distancing in compliance with the protocol for retail operations;
  - Museums and galleries may operate indoors with modifications including physical distancing, in compliance with the protocol for museums and galleries;
  - Movie theaters may operate indoors at a maximum of 50% capacity, in compliance with the protocol for movie theaters;
  - Hotels and lodging may operate with modifications in compliance with the protocol for hotels and updated protocols for restaurants, bars and breweries, pools, and fitness facilities where applicable;
  - Fitness facilities, gyms, yoga and dance studios may operate indoors at a maximum of 50% capacity, in compliance with the protocol for fitness facilities;
  - Pools located indoors may operate for routine use at a maximum of 50% capacity and pools located outdoors may operate for routine use at a maximum of 75% capacity, in compliance with the protocol for public pools;
  - Offices may operate with modifications including physical distancing in compliance with the protocol for offices, but telework is strongly encouraged;
  - Family entertainment centers may open for indoor operation at 50% capacity (75% if all customers are tested or show proof of full vaccination), in compliance with the protocol for family entertainment centers;

- Outdoor seated live events are permitted with maximum capacity of 67% and additional restrictions and modifications, in compliance with the protocol for outdoor seated live events and performances;
- Private events that are ticketed OR have a defined guest list, such as meetings, receptions, organized celebrations, conferences and similar events, are permitted to be held outdoors with a maximum of 200 guests with assigned seating. With proof of full vaccination or testing, private events up to 400 people outdoors or 200 guests indoors are permitted; 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](#);
  - In-state 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 customer groups;
  - Suites are limited to 25% capacity, with a maximum of three households (full capacity if all attendees show proof of full vaccination);
  - Venues with a capacity of up to 1500 attendees are limited to a maximum of 25% or 300 attendees, whichever is fewer (50% if all attendees show proof of full vaccination or testing);
  - Venues with a capacity of greater than 1500 attendees are limited to a maximum of 10% capacity or 2,000 attendees, whichever is fewer, (50% if all attendees show proof of full vaccination or testing).
- Outdoor, informal private social gatherings of up to 100 people are permitted with wearing of face masks and physical distancing. However, gatherings are not risk-free and measures should be taken to reduce risk as well as to protect high-risk individuals.
- Indoor, informal private social gatherings are strongly discouraged, but are allowed with modifications. Private indoor gatherings can occur with up to with a maximum of 50% capacity in settings where capacity limits exist or 50 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 individuals 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. However, gatherings are not risk-free and measures should be taken to reduce risk as well as to protect high-risk individuals.

2. Unvaccinated as well as fully-vaccinated people should continue to follow Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [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, school, or business sector 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. Anyone testing positive for SARS-CoV-2, regardless of vaccination status, must follow health officer orders for isolation.

3. In alignment with the [CA Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Fully-Vaccinated People](#) and the [CDPH Guidance for Use of Face Coverings](#), fully-vaccinated individuals may spend time with other fully-vaccinated people, including indoors, without wearing masks or physical distancing. Fully-vaccinated individuals may also spend time with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing. Fully-vaccinated people may refrain from wearing face masks outdoors except in the following situations, when a mask must still be worn:
  - i) At crowded outdoor events, such as live performances, parades, fairs, festivals, sporting events, or other similar settings;
  - ii) In crowded spaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained and it is not known whether everyone in the space is fully vaccinated or at high risk for severe illness or death from COVID-19;
  - iii) In indoor public settings, unless expressly permitted by this Order;
  - iv) At worksites and businesses; and
  - v) In any setting where masking is required by the facility operator or business or by the Health Officer Order or its associated protocols.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.

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:**



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Date: 5/04/2021