

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

ORDER FOR TK-12 SCHOOLS, YOUTH SPORTS AND DAY CAMPS

This Order Issued: January 27, 2022

This Order is in effect as of January 27, 2022, 12:01 AM until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.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: This Order consolidates the requirement for TK-12 schools to follow public health protocols with the requirements for youth sports teams/activities and day camps to follow public health protocols.

Since June 15, 2021 when most restrictions from the State of California’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy were lifted, the average daily incident case rate of COVID-19 in the City of Pasadena has far surpassed the threshold for the “High Transmission” level of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Indicators for [Levels of Community Transmission](#). The testing positivity rate in Pasadena has also risen to the “High Transmission” level. In Los Angeles County where a large proportion of the people who work, visit, or patronize businesses in Pasadena reside, the rate of COVID-19 cases has increased to the “High Transmission” level, contributing to risk of transmission in this City. Hospitalizations from COVID-19 both locally and throughout Los Angeles County have significantly increased.

In addition, the significantly more transmissible World Health Organization-designated Variants of Concern, including Delta and Omicron variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, have been detected in specimens collected from Pasadena residents with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, and the current dramatic surge in COVID-19 cases is largely driven by the Omicron variant, proving to be at least three times more transmissible than Delta. The COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized in the US have been shown to be highly safe and effective at providing protection against severe outcomes to individuals and communities, and are recommended by the CDC for all populations for whom the vaccine is authorized by the US Food and Drug Administration, including booster dose recommendations. Masks have been shown to be effective as source control as well as to protect the wearer, if used consistently and correctly. [Upgraded masks](#), such as three-ply medical-grade surgical masks or KN95 or N95 respirators, have increased filtration which should be combined with a proper fit that prevents leaks. These measures have proven effective, when implemented in combination with multiple other mitigation measures, in reducing risk of SARS-CoV-2 virus transmission in group settings, including schools and other youth settings and activities.

This Order directs all educational facilities serving students at any grade level to prepare, implement and post the required Pasadena Department of Public Health Protocols for TK-12 Schools. This Order applies to both public and private schools (TK-12) and to school districts within Pasadena.

This Order supersedes and rescinds the August 25, 2021 Order for Youth Sports and Early Care Education.

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. **Youth Sports:** All individuals participating in organized youth sports, which include all school (TK-12) and community-sponsored programs and recreational or athletic activities and privately organized clubs and leagues, must comply with the [Pasadena Public Health Protocol for Youth Sports Leagues, Organized Youth Sports and Schools Sports Teams](#) and accompanying [Pasadena COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan Guidance for Youth Recreational Sports Programs](#).
2. **Day Camps:** Day camp owners and operators must implement and post the required [Pasadena Public Health Protocol for Day Camps](#).
3. **TK-12 Schools:** All public and private schools (TK-12) and school districts within the City of Pasadena must prepare, implement, and post the require [Pasadena Public Health Protocols for TK-12 Schools](#) and accompanying [COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan Guidance for TK-12 Schools](#).
4. **Up to Date on COVID-19 Definition:** See current CDC recommendations [Stay Up to Date with Your Vaccines](#) for definitions, acceptable vaccines, and updates on additional vaccines as they are recommended. For verification methods see section titled Options for Providing Proof of Vaccination in the CDPH [Vaccine Record Guidelines & Standards](#) and the [PPHD Guidance for Verifying Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination](#). Individuals 18 years old or older must provide a photo identification with their vaccine document.
5. The August 25, 2021 Health Officer Order for Youth Sports and Early Care Education is hereby rescinded. All other previous orders of the Health Officer, as revised, supplemented and/or amended, and that have not been expressly rescinded or superseded, remain in full force and effect, except as provided herein. To the extent a conflict exists between this Order and any previous orders of the Health Officer, the previous orders are hereby superseded and this Order controls.
6. Unvaccinated as well as fully vaccinated people should continue to follow CDC guidance for staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations to protect themselves and others, and follow other guidance 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 or requirements including the [Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards](#). Everyone, including those up to date on vaccinations, 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. Anyone testing positive for SARS-CoV-2, regardless of vaccination status, must follow the [Health Officer Order for Isolation](#).

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. This Order applies to all persons within the City of Pasadena under the Health Officer's jurisdiction.
10. 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.
11. 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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Health Officer, City of Pasadena

Date: 1/27/2022