

HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19

Public Health Emergency Isolation Order

Revised Order Issued: **November 16, 2022**

This Order supersedes the April 5, 2020 Public Health Emergency Isolation Order and revisions May 6, 2020, July 21, 2020, January 11, 2021, September 3, 2021, December 31, 2021, January 3, 2022, January 11, 2022, February 3, 2022, **and March 21, 2022**. This Order is in effect immediately until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer. **Revisions are highlighted in yellow.**

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.)

WHO IS REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THIS HEALTH OFFICER ORDER

All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection or lack of symptoms, who reside or work in the City of Pasadena Health Jurisdiction and who have tested positive for or been diagnosed with COVID-19 are required to isolate (separate) themselves from others and follow all instructions in this Order until they pose less risk to others. A person is considered to be diagnosed with COVID-19, based on one of more of the following criteria:

- a) The person received a positive viral test for COVID-19 and/or
- b) A healthcare provider clinically suspects that the person has COVID-19.

WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO IF YOU HAVE OR ARE LIKELY TO HAVE COVID-19

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Pasadena Health Officer (“Health Officer”) hereby requires everyone who tests positive for or is diagnosed with COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of symptoms to immediately:

- a) Self-isolate (stay in your home or another residence and away from others) for at least 5 full days or longer, see “Duration of Self-Isolation” below, and
- b) Wear a highly protective mask until your isolation ends. If you meet the criteria to leave isolation before 10 days, it is **strongly recommended*** that you continue to wear a highly protective mask around others, especially indoors, for a total of 10 days after either the positive COVID-19 viral test or the first full day after your symptoms developed. The mask should be a well-fitting medical mask, a well-fitting respirator, or a well-fitting high-filtration reusable mask of multiple layers of non-woven material with a nose-wire, and

*Note that return to work requirements for employees **require** masks.

- c) If interviewed, identify your close contacts to the Pasadena Public Health Department (“PPHD”) for the purposes of contact tracing, and
- d) Tell your close contacts that they have been exposed and may need to [self-quarantine](#), and
- e) Answer the phone if you receive a call from the Pasadena Public Health Department at 626-744-6144, and return any missed calls within 24 hours of receiving the call, unless you have already completed a contact tracing interview, and
- f) Follow all instructions in this Order.

*** People with high likelihood of COVID-19 infection (because they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and are close contacts of people infected with COVID-19) should also follow this isolation order.

Workplace settings: Employers may determine if their employees/contractors with COVID-19 must complete the full 10 days of isolation before returning to work or if they may return to work after Day 5, if the criteria listed below are met. Employees/contractors are advised to obtain information from their employer. In workplace settings, employers and employees are subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention [Emergency Temporary Standards](#) (ETS) and must follow the additional applicable ETS requirements for workplaces and for workplaces experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19 among its workforce.

Early Return to Work Criteria: Regardless of your vaccination status, previous COVID-19 infection, or lack of symptoms, you must self-isolate and be excluded from the workplace for at least 5 days. (Please note that this DOES NOT apply to healthcare personnel, emergency services personnel or K-12 school workers, to whom separate requirements may apply).

You may be allowed by your employer to return to the workplace Day 6 or later on the condition that:

- a) You have a negative COVID-19 viral test* result from a specimen collected on Day 5 or later (Day 0 is the first day of symptoms, or the date of the positive test if you have not had any symptoms during this infection); and

*The test must be an FDA-authorized COVID-19 test such as an antigen or NAAT/PCR test. Antigen tests are preferred for this purpose. [Cal-OSHA requirements](#) for how this test is conducted and observed (by the employer or a licensed, authorized telehealth provider) must be followed. Check with your employer about how to get tested.

- b) You have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine; and
- c) Your symptoms are not present or are improving; and
- d) You wear a highly-protective mask (well-fitting respirator or medical mask) around others, until Day 11, indoors and outdoors.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Self-Isolate Until You're Not at Risk for Spreading COVID-19

You, regardless of your vaccination status, previous COVID-19 infection or lack of symptoms, must isolate yourself (stay in your home or another residence and away from others) for at least 5 full days AND until you are no longer at risk for spreading COVID-19 (see "Duration of Self-Isolation," below). Until this time, you may not leave your place of isolation or enter any other public or private place, except to receive necessary medical care.

This order does not apply to healthcare personnel, including Emergency Medical Services personnel, in any setting. Healthcare personnel and EMS should follow the COVID-19 exposure protocols as outlined in the relevant Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines including: [Work Restrictions for HCP with SARS-COV-2 Infection and Exposures](#). *When not working in this healthcare capacity, you must adhere to this isolation order.* All others not performing critical healthcare work must adhere to this order. If you are employed in the City of Pasadena, you must email nursing@cityofpasadena.net, call 626-744-6089, or fill out the form at <https://healthforms.cityofpasadena.net/v/WorkClearanceForm> to receive return-to-work guidance by the Pasadena Public Health Department before you can return to work.

You are required to self-isolate because you can easily spread COVID-19 to others. If you have a positive test, and have not done so already, consider contacting your healthcare provider, clinician advice-line, or telemedicine provider for a medical assessment.

You may be contacted by PPHD for a contact tracing interview. You must identify your close contacts, as defined below, so that PPHD may determine if there is an outbreak associated with your case and to limit further spread of infection to others.

Self-Isolation Instructions: While you are in isolation, you are required to follow the [Home Isolation Instructions for People with COVID-19 Infection](#). You must wear a well-fitting, highly-protective mask around others, including members of your household. Adults should wear a well-fitting medical grade mask (surgical or respirator). Children should wear a well-fitting, non-cloth* mask of multiple layers of non-woven material with a nose wire. *Cloth masks conforming with American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards for high filtration efficiency ([ASTM F3502-Level 2](#)) are permitted.

Duration of Self-Isolation:

Everyone with COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of symptoms, must stay home and isolate away from others for at least 5 days. How long you must isolate depends on whether you have symptoms **and** if you get a negative follow-up viral test result taken from a specimen collected on **Day 5** or later.

Please note: If you meet the criteria to end isolation before Day 11, it is **strongly recommended** that you wear a highly protective mask around others, especially in indoor settings, for a total of 10 days after the positive COVID-19 viral test or the first full day after your symptoms developed. In addition, **for return to work, you are required to wear a mask** for a total of 10 full days after the positive COVID-19 viral test or the first full day after your symptoms developed.

A) If you tested positive for COVID-19 or if your doctor thinks you have COVID-19, you must stay home until:

- At least 5 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared (i.e., you are on Day 6), AND
- A viral test[†] result taken from a specimen collected on Day 5 or later is NEGATIVE for COVID-19, AND
- You have been fever-free for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicine), AND
- You currently have no symptoms or your symptoms are significantly improved and resolving.

Persons meeting ALL of the above criteria may choose to exit isolation no earlier than Day 6.

OR

- At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared (i.e., you are on Day 11), AND
- You have been fever-free for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicine), AND
- You currently have no symptoms or your symptoms are significantly improved and resolving.

Day 0 is the day you first had symptoms, and Day 1 is the first full day after your symptoms started.

If you are unable to test or choose not to test on Day 5, you must isolate yourself for 10 days and can leave isolation on Day 11 if you have been fever-free in at least 24 hours (without use of fever-reducing medicine) and symptoms are significantly improved and resolving. If you continue to have a fever, you must continue to isolate until the fever has resolved for at least 24 hours.

B) If you tested positive for COVID-19 and you never developed symptoms, you must stay home until:

- At least 5 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared (i.e., you are on Day 6), AND
- A viral test[†] result taken from a specimen collected on Day 5 or later is NEGATIVE for COVID-19.

OR

- At least 10 days have passed since your positive test (i.e., you are on Day 11).

NOTE: If you develop symptoms while you are isolated, you must follow the instructions in Duration of Self-Isolation section (A).

† An antigen test, nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) or LAMP test are acceptable; however, it is recommended that persons use an antigen test for ending isolation because a PCR may remain positive for longer. Exposed persons who were infected with SARS-CoV-2 within 90 days prior to their current exposure should also use an antigen test.

2. Tell Your Close Contacts They Have Been Exposed and Need to Follow Quarantine Instructions

You must notify all of your close contacts as defined below, that they may be required to quarantine (stay in their home or another residence and away from others), because they have been exposed to COVID-19 and if infected, can easily spread it to others even if they have no symptoms (see Pasadena “[Public Health Emergency Quarantine Order](#)” and “Home Quarantine Instructions for Close Contacts to COVID-19,” which are available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [other languages](#).) While self-quarantined, they may not leave their place of quarantine or enter public or private places, except to receive necessary medical care.

Definition of Close Contact: For purposes of this Order, “close contact” is defined as the following:

- In indoor airspaces that are 400,000 cubic feet or less per floor:** A person who has shared the same indoor airspace with you for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during your infectious period*. This shared indoor airspace definition **must** be used for identification of workplace close contacts per Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention [Emergency Temporary Standards](#) (ETS).
- In indoor airspaces that are greater than 400,000 cubic feet per floor:** A person who was within 6 feet of you for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during your infectious period*. NOTE: Spaces that are separated by floor-to-ceiling walls (e.g., offices, suites, break/eating areas separated by floor-to-ceiling walls) are considered to be distinct indoor airspaces.

*You are considered to be infectious from 2 days before your symptoms first appeared until the time you are no longer required to be isolated (as described in “Duration of Self-Isolation,” above). If you had a positive COVID-19 test, but no symptoms, **then** you are considered to be infectious from 2 days before the test was taken until the time you are no longer required to be isolated (as described in “Duration of Self-Isolation,” above).

3. Complete a Case Investigation Interview with Pasadena Public Health

If you receive a call or e-mail from Pasadena Public Health, it is important that you respond to us (626-744-6144). During the call, you'll receive information about available services, have a chance to ask questions, and be asked to answer simple questions such as what places you have been to and who you have been around while you were infectious.

PURPOSE OF THE ORDER

The purpose of this Order is to help slow the spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus (COVID-19), to protect individuals at higher risk, and to protect the health care system from a surge of cases into its

emergency rooms and hospitals. The virus can easily spread between people who are in close contact with one another, especially if they are not fully vaccinated.

People who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 are at the highest risk of COVID-19 illness, hospitalization, and death. Fully vaccinated and boosted persons are at lowest risk of getting infected and are well-protected from severe illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19. However, it is still possible for fully vaccinated or fully vaccinated and boosted people to spread the virus to other people.

This Order is based upon scientific evidence and best practices, as currently known and available. Isolation and quarantine are recommended by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other public health experts as a proven strategy for preventing transmission of COVID-19.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

This City of Pasadena Health Officer Order is made under the authority California Health and Safety Code Sections 101040, 101085, 120175, 120215, 120220, and 120225. The Health Officer may take additional action(s), which may include civil detention or requiring one to stay at a health facility or other location, to protect the public's health if an individual who is subject to this Order violates or fails to comply with this Order. Violation of this Order is also a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine, or both.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS ORDER

If you have questions regarding this Order, call the Pasadena Public Health Department at (626) 744-6089.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



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Date

Health Officer, City of Pasadena