

RESCISSION OF HEALTH OFFICER ORDER

RESCISSION OF REVISED ORDER FOR THE PREVENTION OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA

Date Issued: March 31, 2023

Date Effective: April 2, 2023

Effective at 11:59 p.m. on April 2, 2023, the **REVISED ORDER FOR THE PREVENTION OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES TO ALIGN WITH ORDERS FROM THE CA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH** is rescinded in full.

To reduce the risk for patients and residents in health care settings (including skilled nursing facilities), the Health Officer has issued an [ORDER REQUIRING WEARING OF FACE MASKS BY PERSONNEL, PATIENTS, CLIENTS, AND VISITORS IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS](#) and updated the [ORDER REQUIRING VACCINATION OF HEALTH CARE WORKERS](#). Both orders take effect at 12:01 a.m. on April 3, 2023.

On March 6, 2023, the local COVID-19 public health emergency declaration was terminated and Health Officer orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic requirements for public settings were rescinded with limited exceptions. While the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes COVID-19, including other future variants or subvariants, remains a concern for all Pasadena residents, the virus poses a particular risk to the health of medically vulnerable residents and people who might be exposed through necessity based on their circumstances. Patients, clients, and residents in health care settings have little choice about their potential exposure to COVID-19 when they seek care or reside in congregate settings, and many of them are at greater risk for complications related to COVID-19.

The Health Officer also strongly recommends that everyone continue appropriate protections based on their situation, including the following measures: 1) following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) most current COVID-19 vaccination and booster guidance; 2) staying aware of treatments available to them if they get sick with COVID-19; and 3) being aware of information about COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Eric G. Handler, MD, MPH, FAAP
Health Officer, City of Pasadena

March 31, 2023

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