

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

**REVISED CITY OF PASADENA HEALTH OFFICER ORDER  
FOR CONTROL OF COVID-19 Related to Infection Prevention and Control of  
COVID-19 in Licensed Long-Term Care Facilities Issued on April 12, 2020, as  
Supplemented May 6, 2020**

*This Order Issued: August 18, 2020*

This Order is in effect until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.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 ORDER:** This Order revises the April 12, 2020 Order, as supplemented by the May 6, 2020 Order, to allow a facility governed by this Order to consult with the Pasadena Department of Health to reinstitute communal dining and to expand visitation, subject to limitations. Changes are highlighted in yellow.

**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 120175 et seq.; THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.04.010; AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY - COVID-19 ISSUED ON MARCH 4, 2020, THE CITY OF PASADENA HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:**

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and on March 4, 2020 and March 16, 2020, a Local Health Emergency and a Local State of Emergency were declared for the City of Pasadena in relation to COVID-19.

In the City of Pasadena as well as the State of California and the nation, there are insufficient quantities of critical healthcare infrastructure, including hospital beds, ventilators and workers, capable of adequately treating mass numbers of patients at a single time should the novel coronavirus spread unchecked. In order to protect the public's health, and especially the health of those who are most vulnerable to COVID-19, measures must be taken to stem the spread of COVID-19 and to mitigate the impact on delivery of critical healthcare services to those in need, as well as to protect the healthcare system from a surge of cases into emergency rooms and hospitals.

In the absence of a specific immunization or treatment for COVID-19, social distancing is essential to preventing the spread of this disease. However, social distancing alone in certain

licensed Skilled Nursing Facilities (“SNF”) and Assisted Living Facilities (“ALF”) may not be effective due to the concentration of individuals and the nature of the services provided to them.

Despite significant and specific guidance that has been provided to licensed long-term care facilities from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, the California Department of Public Health Licensing and Certification Program, the CA Office of the Ombudsman and the local representatives of these agencies; and significant, specific and repeated guidance and directives that have been provided by the Pasadena Public Health Department (“PPHD”) on infection prevention practices to be adopted, in general, and specifically relating to COVID-19, the number of COVID-19 cases, deaths, and outbreaks among residents and staff of SNFs and ALFs continues to grow.

The City of Pasadena Health Officer finds: 1) there is an increased risk of COVID-19 among those working in or living in certain licensed Skilled Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities (collectively referred to as “Facility” or “facility” herein), and among those providing services in our community; 2) that prior to providing services in our community, or prior to entering certain licensed Skilled Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities all individuals who are not a patient, existing resident, or new resident should conduct a self-evaluation and temperature screening for symptoms of the COVID-19 virus; and 3) accordingly, individuals with symptoms such as respiratory illness or fever should not enter these licensed Skilled Nursing Facilities or Assisted Living Facilities or other agencies because doing so is likely to impair efforts at mitigating the spread of COVID-19 both within the City, County and State.

**ACCORDINGLY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 120175 et seq.; THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.04.010; AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY–COVID-19 ISSUED ON MARCH 4, 2020, THE CITY OF PASADENA HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:**

1. This Order is effective immediately Sunday, April 12, 2020 and continuing until further notice or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the City of Pasadena Health Officer (“Health Officer”). This Order applies in the City of Pasadena (“City”).
2. **Limited entry.** Except as expressly provided for herein, no one other than employees, first responders, medical professionals, or contracted essential maintenance workers and service providers are to enter the facility. Visitors, including volunteers and non-essential workers like barbers, entertainers, etc., are prohibited from entering the facility. Consideration may be given if essential (e.g., end of life), but access must be limited to only one visitor at a time and the person must wear a surgical mask or clean cloth face covering. Alternative methods of visitation (virtual) that are not in person, should be arranged, as needed. In consultation with the PPHD, facilities may be allowed to expand their visitation policies, subject to and in alignment with the PPHD “Guidance for Preventing and Managing COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities”

[\[https://www.cityofpasadena.net/public-health/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/LTCF-COVID19-Guidance.pdf\]](https://www.cityofpasadena.net/public-health/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/LTCF-COVID19-Guidance.pdf).

3. **Symptom screening for all.** Everyone entering the facility (except first responders, who typically have separate screenings) must have a symptom screening prior to entry. Anyone who is experiencing any symptoms (such as but not limited to fever, chills, not feeling well, sore throat, cough, sneezing, shortness of breath or gastrointestinal symptoms like soft stool or stomach cramps) is not to be admitted entry into the facility. Everyone must have a temperature taken immediately prior to entry, without use of fever-lowering medications in the past eight hours (e.g., acetaminophen (Tylenol), ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), or many cough/cold medicines that contain these components). Anyone with a fever (100.0° F or 37.8° C) is not to be admitted entry into the facility. Temperatures must be taken with a method that will not cause risk for disease transmission between employees. Limit access points and ensure that all accessible entrances have a screening station.
4. **Return to work.** No employee who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who is displaying symptoms associated with COVID-19 is to be admitted entry into the facility until permission to return to work is provided in writing by the Pasadena Public Health Department.
5. **All communal dining and activities are to be suspended.** Except as expressly provided for herein, all meals are to be served within individual rooms. Staff may eat in staff breakrooms or a separate designated area, but social-distancing of 6 feet or greater must be enforced at all times. Residents/patients are to remain in their rooms. In consultation with the PPHD, facilities may be allowed to reinstitute communal dining, subject to and in alignment with Section II of the PPHD Guidance for Preventing and Managing COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities.
6. **Conduct daily temperature and symptom checks for staff and patients/residents.** All staff must be checked twice per shift, once prior to entry to work and again approximately 12 hours later but no later than the end of shift if the shift is less than 12 hours. Patients/Residents must be checked regularly for fever and symptoms at least every 12 hours. Records must be kept of those temperature and symptom checks and presented to the Pasadena Public Health Department upon request.
7. **Separate areas and staff.** Residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 should be cohorted (physically separated, in a different space and part of the facility, from those who do not have confirmed or suspected COVID-19). Residents who are displaying symptoms associated with COVID-19 should be isolated in a separate space, and evaluated and treated by the resident's medical provider. All employees who work or go into the COVID-19 isolation areas of the facility are not to work or

enter any other area of the facility. Staff must maintain social distancing and should stagger their breaks/meals to minimize risk of disease transmission among staff.

8. **All staff shall wear a surgical mask at all times while in the facility.** Staff must refer to and follow current U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for personal protective equipment (PPE). Staff shall wear an N-95 respirator, if available, and all PPE as recommended by the CDC (such as gloves, gown, eye protection) while providing direct care for residents with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. In facilities with COVID-19 transmission (as identified by the Public Health Department), healthcare personnel should wear full PPE for the care of all patients, irrespective of COVID-19 diagnosis or symptoms. Facilities must follow the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and CDC guidance on conservation of PPE, including assessing the facility's current supply of PPE and using the CDC burn rate calculator to estimate the days of supply remaining, to be reported to the Pasadena Public Health Department upon request. CDC-recommended conservation strategies should be utilized in the case of PPE shortages, but standard practices resumed when supplies become available.
9. **All facilities and staff must follow all infection prevention and control guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CDC, CDPH, and Pasadena Public Health Department.** In particular, facilities must follow appropriate hand hygiene as set forth by the CDC, and the CMS infection control guidance checklist. Facilities must follow all CDPH infection prevention recommendations and COVID-19 guidance including that issued by Executive Order and communicated through All Facilities Letters. Facilities must follow any additional guidance or directives from the Pasadena Public Health Department, **including but not limited to the PPHD Guidance for Preventing and Managing COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities.**
10. **Skilled nursing facilities must follow California Department of Public Health guidance on transfer of patients as well as assessment of SNFs to receive patients with confirmed COVID-19 infections.** All other facilities must follow long-term care interfacility guidance rules provided by the Pasadena Public Health Department.
11. **Patients/residents must wear a face covering (surgical mask when available, or a clean cloth face covering) when outside of the resident's room.** This includes patient/residents who must regularly leave the facility for medical care (e.g., hemodialysis patients). Surgical masks are required for any resident with symptoms, when being cared for by staff, if able to be safely tolerated. N95 respirators should not be worn by the patient/resident for the purposes of source control.

12. **All confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases must be reported to the Pasadena Public Health Department immediately by phone (pursuant to CA Code of Regulations Title 17, §2500).**
13. **Facilities should avoid, by any means possible, utilizing employees who have worked at another facility.** This includes implementation of a disclosure statement, signed by each employee, that discloses any additional outside employment including other SNFs or ALFs. The facility must maintain an up-to-date log or record that can be produced to an authority enforcing this Order upon demand.
14. This Order applies to all persons and facilities within the City of Pasadena under the Health Officer's Jurisdiction.
15. 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 Department, Pasadena Public Health Department, and/or any other agency designated by the Pasadena City Manager for enforcement.
16. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Revised 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 Revised Order.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

1. For the purposes of this Order, Skilled Nursing Facilities are defined as follows:
  - a) An inpatient healthcare facility with the staff and equipment that provides skilled nursing and supportive care, rehabilitation and other related health services to patients who need nursing care, but do not require hospitalization on an extended basis. It is recognized by the Medicare and Medicaid systems as meeting long term health care needs for individuals who have the potential to function independently after a limited period of care.
2. For the purposes of this Order, Assisted Living Facilities are defined as follows:
  - a) A facility that offers a special combination of housing, personalized supportive services, and health-related care with a 24-hour staff designed to respond to the individual needs of those who require help with activities of daily living. These facilities provide services such as assistance with daily living requirements, medication management, social and recreational activities, housekeeping, meals, transportation, and health related services. These facilities are non-institutional, home-like settings that promote maximum

independence and dignity for each resident and encourage family and community involvement. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Social Services.

3. Facilities listed in Appendix A are considered Skilled Nursing Facilities and/or Assisted Living Facilities. They are subject to this Order. The list of Facilities contained in Appendix A is not exhaustive. Any facility that meets the definitions in either 1. and/or 2. above are subject to this Order whether they are listed in Appendix A or not.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**



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Date: 8/18/2020

**APPENDIX A: List of Skilled Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities in the Pasadena Public Health Jurisdiction**

(This list is not exhaustive and additional facilities may be subject to this order)

Californian Pasadena Convalescent Hospital	A Friendly Place-Hastings Ranch
Camellia Gardens Care Center	ACE Senior Care
GEM Transitional Care Center	Alegria Home Care
Golden Cross Health Care	Arbor Vista
Legacy Care of Pasadena	Bella Vista
Monte Vista Grove Homes Health Center	Bungalow
Pasadena Care Center, LLC	Con Carino Inc.
Pasadena Meadows	The Cottage
Pasadena Park Health Care and Wellness	Del Mar Park
Rose Garden Healthcare Center	El Molino Rose Villa
St. Vincent Health Care	Flowers Residential Care Facility II
Foothill Heights Care Center	Garfield Terrace, LLC
Two Palms Nursing Center Inc.	Garfield Villas, LLC
Villa Gardens (SNF) Health Care Unit	Grant Serenity Homes of Pasadena, Inc.
Eisenhower Nursing Convalescent Hospital	Hampton Guest Home, Inc.
Brighton Convalescent Center	Jasmine Terrace
Del Mar Park Assisted Living	Magnolia Court
	Monte Vista Garden
	Pasa Alta West
	Pasadena Highlands
	Pasadena Mansion
	Regency Park Astoria
	Regency Park Fair Oaks
	Regency Park Oak Knoll
	The Retreat
	Rose Valley Garfias
	Santa Barbara Guest Home #2
	Los Robles Guest Home
	Sierra Rose
	Terraces at Park Marino
	Visa Del Mar Villas
	Ray of Hope Home, Inc.
	Woodlyn Living Care