

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

**TEMPORARY LIMITED STAY AT HOME ORDER
TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

**ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON
PRIVATE GATHERINGS, AND INDOOR AND OUTDOOR BUSINESS
OPERATIONS**

This Order Issued: December 2, 2020

This Order revises the Limited Stay at Home Order effective November 20, 2020. This Order is in effect as of 12:01 AM December 3, 2020 until 11:59 PM December 20, 2020 or until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.

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.)

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER: California is in a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a substantial danger to the health of the public within the City of Pasadena. COVID-19 can easily spread between people who are in close contact with one another. Everyone is at risk for becoming ill with COVID-19, but some people are more vulnerable to serious illness, including pneumonia and organ failure, or death, due to their age, physical state, and/or health status.

Consistent with the mandates of the State Health Officer of the State of California, the City of Pasadena Health Officer (“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. At this time, California, Los Angeles County, and Pasadena are experiencing an unprecedented rate of increase in confirmed cases of COVID-19. This significant surge in cases has resulted in an increase in hospitalizations and deaths.

Residents of Pasadena are subject to the State Health Officer-issued Limited Stay at Home Order dated November 19, 2020 (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/limited-stay-at-home-order.aspx>), which requires, among other things, that there be no gatherings with members of other households, nor activities conducted outside the residence, lodging, or temporary accommodation with members of other households between 10:00 PM PST and 5:00 AM

PST, except for those activities associated with the operation, maintenance, or usage of critical infrastructure or required by law.

Consistent with the referenced Limited Stay at Home Order of the State Health Officer, and recognizing that additional measures are being required by the Health Officer of the County of Los Angeles due to the rapid increase in transmission of the virus in Los Angeles County, this Temporary Order is issued under the authority of the Health Officer of the City of Pasadena, and is intended to establish measures within the State requirements and within the general Los Angeles County context which are tailored to the City of Pasadena.

This Temporary Order is intended to ensure that Pasadena residents remain in their residences as much as practicable, to limit close contact with others outside their household in both indoor and outdoor spaces and to further reduce the risk of community transmission of COVID-19 during this unprecedented surge in cases. This Temporary Order is also issued to reduce capacity at sites where non-household members interact. Limiting interactions among non-household members, especially in places where persons are in close proximity without a face covering or mask, is essential to slowing the spread of COVID-19. It is imperative that all persons and businesses within in the city take personal responsibility and follow all restrictions and infection control precautions required by this Temporary Order.

This Temporary Order prohibits all public and private gatherings of individuals from different households, and is otherwise consistent with the November 13, 2020 Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Gatherings and the August 28, 2020 modifications allowed through Tier 1 (Purple) of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, both issued by the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”).

Further, this Temporary Order imposes additional restrictions and limitations on indoor and outdoor business operations, including limitations on capacity of essential and non-essential retail businesses, fitness centers, and outdoor dining.

Except as provided for herein, all previous Orders of the Pasadena 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. All public and private gatherings and events with individuals from more than one household are prohibited, except for outdoor faith-based services and protests, and except as set forth or referenced in this Temporary Order. A gathering is defined as a social situation that brings together people from different households at the same time in a single space or place (CDPH definition). In that regard, outdoor dining at restaurants is permitted, as set forth below, provided that individuals dining together within 6 feet must be limited to those from the same household.

2. Businesses currently permitted to operate indoors must require all individuals to wear a face covering and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance, in addition to following all public health protocols <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/covid-19/#guidance-faq-protocols>.
 - a. Non-essential retail and personal care services may not exceed 25% occupancy, as measured by the maximum permitted occupancy pursuant to the California Fire Code for each establishment;
 - b. Essential retail establishments must reduce indoor capacity to allow for at least 6 feet of physical distance between occupants and actively manage occupancy to meet this requirement, in addition to requiring face coverings and following all applicable public health protocols. Additional occupancy reduction is strongly recommended.
3. Businesses operating outdoors must require all individuals to wear a face covering and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distancing from others, and reduce outdoor occupancy as much as possible in a given space, in addition to following all applicable public health protocols <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/covid-19/#guidance-faq-protocols>.
 - a. Fitness centers may operate outdoors only, in accordance with public health protocols, and should reduce occupancy in a given outdoor space or increase spacing. New restriction: Swimming pools that serve more than one household may open only for regulated lap swimming with one person per lane;
 - b. Restaurants – outdoor dining is permitted and must be operated in accordance with all applicable local and state public health protocols, including the restriction that only individuals from the same household can eat within 6 feet of one another. Restaurants should provide this information to patrons, such as on their websites and as they take reservations, and compliance by restaurants and customers is required if outdoor dining is to remain viable;
 - c. Parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities that are currently allowed to be open are permitted to remain open provided members of the public comply with up-to-date public health protocols and city policies. This includes the restriction that contact sports or competitive activities which bring individuals from different households within 6 feet of one another are prohibited;
 - d. Drive-in movies/events/car parades are permitted, following existing protocols, provided occupants in each car are members of the same household.
4. Schools and day camps may remain open subject to all applicable protocols.
5. All previous Orders of the Pasadena Health Officer, as revised, supplemented and/or amended, remain in full force and effect, except as provided herein.

6. The intent of this Temporary Order is to continue to ensure that City residents remain in their residences as much as practicable, to limit close contact with others outside their households in both indoor and outdoor spaces. This Temporary Order does not apply to persons experiencing homelessness. All persons who can telework or work from home should continue to do so as much as possible during this pandemic. All non-essential offices must continue to operate remotely, without in-person operations. Nothing in this Order prohibits members of a single household from engaging in activities together, but gatherings of people who are not part of a single household or living unit are subject to restrictions, within the City of Pasadena Public Health Jurisdiction, except for the limited purposes expressly permitted by this Temporary Order.

For purposes of this Temporary Order, a “household” shall not include institutional group living situations such as dormitories, fraternities, sororities, monasteries, convents, or residential care facilities, nor does it include such commercial group living arrangements as boarding houses, hotels, or motels.

People leaving their residences as permitted by this Temporary Order must strictly comply with physical distancing measures, including: maintaining six feet or more of distance between individuals from different households, frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol, and wearing a cloth face covering over the nose and mouth whenever there is or can be contact with others who are non-household members in both public and private places, whether indoors or outdoors.

7. This Temporary Order applies to all persons within the City of Pasadena under the Health Officer’s jurisdiction.
8. Violation of this Temporary Order is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both under California Health and Safety Code Section 120295. This Temporary 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 Temporary 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 Temporary Order (or any other prior Order).

IT IS SO ORDERED:



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Health Officer, City of Pasadena

Date: 12/02/2020