

## **COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH PROTOCOL FOR FOR THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES OUTDOOR MEGA EVENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) has seen a clear epidemiologic signal from individuals confirmed with COVID-19 infection who have had an identifiable COVID-19 primary exposure risk from attendance at an Outdoor Mega Event.

The New Year's Rose Bowl Parade, Game, and many associated activities pose a uniquely high COVID-19 risk to the people who will be present as well as to our community because of the number of people who will be coming together from all over the country (and world) during a high travel holiday season, large amount of mixing of households, variable vaccination status of visitors, and different expectations as to following COVID-19 precautions and regulations.

The Tournament of Roses (ToR) is well-positioned to take measures that could significantly help protect our community while conducting such a significant series of events, including three Outdoor Mega Events. The following recommendations and requirements are consistent with those measures to reduce COVID-19 risk required of businesses, worksites, schools, and organizations throughout the pandemic.

Flexibility is key. No one can predict what the COVID-19 situation will be in December and January. Restrictions are subject to change. Prudent planning and communication of the most likely restrictions based on current expectations and past experience should support the goal of avoiding mixed messaging and confusion. (We have seen that a "strategy" of hoping that the COVID-19 situation will improve so that restrictions will be lifted has proven unsuccessful for other sectors).

This Public Health Protocol expressly expands the vaccination and masking requirements of the [Order Revising Definition of Mega Event and Requiring Vaccination or Pre-Entry Negative Test at Outdoor Mega Events and Requiring Vaccinations for Entry at Bars, Breweries, Nightclubs and Lounges](#), effective October 7, 2021, to include certain staff, volunteers and participants of the Rose Bowl Parade as set forth below, and as reflected in updated Orders.

ToR should reference Health Officer Orders at the [local](#), [county](#) and [state](#) levels including, but not limited to:

- [Masking required at Outdoor Mega events](#)
- [Verification of full vaccination or negative test within 72 hours required for Outdoor Mega Events](#)
- [Quarantine Order for close contacts of people with COVID-19](#)
- [Isolation Order for people with COVID-19](#)
- [Verification of full vaccination or negative test within 72 hours required for Indoor Mega Events](#)
- [Flyer for Quarantine Instructions](#) for close contacts
- [Flyer for Home Isolation Instructions](#) for people with COVID-19

**Sign and post a copy of this protocol in ToR offices where easily visible to all staff, and disseminate a completed electronic copy to each employee.**

## COVID-19 COMPLIANCE LEAD

The ToR shall designate or hire a COVID-19 Compliance Lead (“Lead”) for all organized ToR activities, including the parade and game. The Lead should act as the point of contact communicating with the Pasadena Public Health Department when a staff person, volunteer, or parade participant must quarantine or isolate such as when a person is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and/or receives a positive COVID-19 test result. The Lead will need a team working exclusively on ensuring compliance with COVID-19 orders and protocols (“Compliance Team”). The Lead must provide information to PPHD regarding close contacts and assist with the contact tracing process, including identifying contacts and gathering their email and mobile phone numbers, places of temporary and permanent residence, and any air flight information including airline, flight number, time and departure and destination locations. The Lead will be responsible for communication with the person with COVID-19 and close contacts to advise them of the isolation and quarantine orders, provide them with the Flyer for Home Isolation or Flyer for Quarantine, and inform them that they cannot leave their temporary lodging or board public transportation while on isolation or quarantine (cannot board public transport or airplanes).

- The Lead will be responsible for monitoring and enforcing compliance with masking, especially in indoor settings, including float decorating.
- The Lead must maintain patron/participant contact information based on assigned seat and/or specific ToR activity, and maintain an accurate contact list for each COVID-19 Lead for each organized group participating in the parade.
- Sharp Seating must assign a COVID-19 Compliance Lead who will be available to meet with PPHD in preparation for the parade and who will execute these contact tracing functions.
- The Leads (from ToR and from Sharp Seating) must meet with PPHD technical assistance team at least every other week in the months of October and November, and weekly in December, or as requested by PPHD. The ToR Lead must provide information on:
  - Name of each performance group participating in the parade, number of individuals in the group, and where they are traveling from.
  - Name and accurate contact information (mobile phone and email) of the COVID-19 Lead for each performance group.

ToR COVID-19 COMPLIANCE LEAD	
Name:	Title:
Email:	Phone Number:
Signature:	Date:

SHARP SEATING COVID-19 COMPLIANCE LEAD	
Name:	Title:
Email:	Phone Number:
Signature:	Date:

## REPORTING COVID-19 CASES AND OUTBREAKS, AND COMMUNICATION WITH PPHD

The ToR must take steps to reduce the risk of an outbreak occurring among staff, volunteers, and participants. Depending on the situation, notification of the general public through mass media (press release and social media) of an exposure to COVID-19 may be required (such as when information on close contacts has not been obtained in a timely fashion). To reduce the risk of an outbreak, the Lead is required to:

- **Make an immediate report to the Pasadena Public Health Department any time an individual with COVID-19 was onsite or participating in an activity while sick or up to 48 hours before showing symptoms or receiving a positive test (if asymptomatic).**  
Email [nursing@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:nursing@cityofpasadena.net) or call (626) 744-6089 and provide all information requested by PPHD. The ToR is expected to provide or ensure testing for all staff, volunteers, and participants who have had a possible exposure and must follow the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [guidance](#) for cleaning and disinfecting the site. Testing resources can be found through the person's physician, and at <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/covid-19/> and <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/>.
- **Educate staff, volunteers, and participants to notify the COVID-19 Lead if they are feeling sick.** The Lead should send the ill individual home or to a temporary lodging location immediately, taking care to maintain that person's privacy, observing physical distancing, and ensuring adult supervision for minors. If the person cannot leave the premises right away, utilize a safe, designated space for isolation (6 feet or more away from others, outdoors if possible). Ensure adequate PPE for staff (N95, face shield and gloves) for the COVID-19 Lead interacting with the symptomatic individual.
- **Work with the Pasadena Public Health Department to investigate any COVID-19 illness.** Prepare staff, volunteer and participant records, facility floor plans, and shift/attendance logs to provide information as quickly as possible to PPHD, including accurate contact information (mobile phone, address, email) of all staff, volunteers and participants who were in contact within 6 feet of the infectious individual for a cumulative 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period (regardless of vaccination status, masking, or indoor/outdoor), and other individuals as specified by PPHD.

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Additional communication measures the ToR must implement include the following:

- Post a concise video on all relevant websites with tips on responsible participation in or viewing of the parade:
  - Get vaccinated for COVID-19 and flu (individuals can get both vaccinations at the same time, or space apart if they choose)
  - Get tested for COVID-19 before coming to the parade, and stay home if you test positive
  - Stay home if you have symptoms of any illness
  - If you are unvaccinated, stay home if you have been in close contact in the last 10 days with someone who had COVID-19. If you are vaccinated, get tested for COVID-19 3-5 days after last exposure.
  - Wear a mask (current orders require masking in all indoor public settings, and at Outdoor Mega Events, regardless of vaccination status)

- While viewing the parade, stay with your own household and give others space
- If you are traveling from abroad, follow [CDC's requirements and recommendations for international travelers](#)
- If you are traveling domestically, follow [CDC's requirements and recommendation for domestic travelers](#)
- CDC recommends delaying domestic and international travel until you are FULLY VACCINATED
- Anyone (including the general public) attending the Parade, Game, or other activities should enable the CA Notify service on their Apple or Android mobile device. See <https://canotify.ca.gov/>.
- Provide written information (in multiple languages, including Spanish) on vaccination, testing and masking requirements and on other recommendations for COVID-19 risk reduction in various formats such as on the website, in email communications, printed material, on tickets, etc. Provide information to travelers: EVERYONE, including minors, are subject to isolation and quarantine orders so they must make arrangements that will allow for them to maintain isolation and quarantine for 10 days at the location they travel to. Local COVID-19 information is shared with the CDC Quarantine Station and the CDC will not allow infectious individuals with COVID-19 (on isolation) or unvaccinated close contacts (people on quarantine) to board an airplane. Vaccinated close contacts do not need to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic and test negative.
- Instruct all ticketholders and parade participants to utilize the CA Notify service on their Apple or Android device (it is already on these mobile phone platforms and can be enabled through Settings). Instructions on how to activate this service on one's mobile phone is available here: <https://canotify.ca.gov/>.
- Provide information on local orders, including vaccination requirements in LA County and other cities
  - [Proof of full vaccination required for entry to bars, breweries, nightclubs and lounges](#) (Negative test is not accepted)
  - [Masks required in all public indoor spaces](#)
  - LA County has [Orders](#) that are equivalent, for locations outside Pasadena
  - [CA Department of Public Health guidance and orders](#) are in place
  - Neighboring cities have more restrictions requiring proof of vaccination for entry into indoor facilities like restaurants, shopping centers, museums, etc., such as [LA City](#) and West Hollywood



## GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19



COVER YOUR COUGH WITH YOUR ELBOW OR TISSUE (THEN DISPOSE AND WASH YOUR HANDS)



STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK



PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING OF 6 FEET OR MORE



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER FOR 20 SECONDS, FREQUENTLY



COVER NOSE AND MOUTH WITH A HIGH QUALITY MASK



PERFORM DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS

## VACCINATION

Vaccination is strongly recommended for all individuals, and **SHOULD** be a requirement for performance in the parade since masking will not be required during the performance. Vaccination is the safest and most effective way to protect ToR staff, volunteers, and participants, their families, and the broader community from illness, hospitalization and death. Policies implemented by ToR that result in high vaccination rates will reduce disruption to ToR activities because fully vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine if they are exposed to someone with COVID-19, as long as they remain asymptomatic and continue to test negative. A fully vaccinated individual is significantly less likely to become infected, and dramatically less likely to become severely ill or die from COVID-19.

Vaccination is strongly recommended as a requirement for participation in all events, including the Hall of Fame Lunch, Parent Kick-off, Tailgate Reception, Gala/President's Ball, etc. At a minimum, proof of a negative test within 72 hours should be required of unvaccinated individuals.

\*\*\*Individuals who are confirmed with COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, and regardless of role in Tournament activities (athletes, announcers, performers, staff, band member, dignitaries, etc.) are required by legal order to isolate at home (or temporary lodging) for at least 10 days.

\*\*\*Unvaccinated close contacts are required by legal order to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days (with an option to shorten quarantine to 7 days if a test taken on or after day 5 is negative and the person remains asymptomatic) regardless of role in the Tournament activities (athletes, announcers, performers, staff, band member, dignitaries, etc.). **VACCINATED CLOSE CONTACTS DO NOT NEED TO QUARANTINE IF THEY REMAIN ASYMPTOMATIC, AND SHOULD TEST ON DAY 3-5. THIS IS WHY REQUIRING FULL VACCINATION FOR EVERYONE PERFORMING IN THE PARADE WILL RESULT IN THE LEAST DISRUPTION TO PARADE FESTIVITIES.** For example, if a band player becomes symptomatic and is diagnosed with COVID-19 during their travels and activities before the parade, every unvaccinated

**close contact in the band (likely ALL band members because they have been travelling together) will be required to quarantine and unable to perform or attend the parade.**

#### **MASKING**

- Indoors: Masks are required in all indoor settings, except a mask can be removed temporarily while actively eating or drinking. Individuals must be seated at a table or specific place, or standing at a stationary counter, preferably physically distanced from others, before removing their mask to eat or drink. Mingling while eating and unmasked is not permitted.
- Outdoors: Masks are strongly recommended in any outdoor setting where it is difficult to maintain a physical distance of 6 feet or more from other households. Masks are required at outdoor events where the total number of patrons are expected to exceed 10,000, such as the Rose Parade, Rose Bowl Game, and Floatfest. The California Department of Public Health defines parades of this magnitude as Mega Events.
- Provide masks to those who do not have one, as required by the Order.

#### **HAND HYGIENE**

- Increase hand sanitizer availability at all events.
- Have a plan for replenishing and monitoring hand sanitizer stations to ensure adequate supply.

#### **EVENT-SPECIFIC SAFETY MEASURES**

##### *ROSE PARADE – PATRONS/TICKETHOLDERS*

- Masks are required in all areas. ToR is responsible for communication and enforcement in all ticketed seating areas.
- Verification of vaccination or negative test is required at TV Corner (grandstand areas along Orange Grove and Colorado), as specified in the Health Officer Order.
- If grandstand seating arrangements change after October 6, 2021, ToR must notify PPHD and provide new seating information.
- [Flyer on how to verify vaccination](#)
- [Flyer on how to verify negative test result](#)

##### *ROSE PARADE – PERFORMERS AND PARTICIPANTS OTHER THAN BAND/COLOR GUARD/DRILL TEAMS*

- Masks are required for all participants including in cars, on floats, on horses, on other vehicles, and on foot, except when actively performing in the parade.
- Masks are required during times of idling within formation and disbanding zones, unless actively eating/drinking.
- Masks are required for all ToR staff and volunteers, and staff and volunteers of other agencies and organizations.
- Media personnel may temporarily remove their mask while performing/broadcasting if removing their mask is necessary to conduct their work. Vaccination is strongly recommended, or proof of negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours for unvaccinated individuals. Vaccinated individuals may be tested as a precaution.

- Where feasible, performers/participants should remain 6 feet apart from other participants outside of their immediate household at all times, and at least 12 feet from patrons/spectators.
- ToR must make masks available at disbanding for parade performers/participants who may have lost their mask along the route.

#### *ROSE PARADE – BANDS/COLOR GUARD/DRILL TEAMS*

Bands, color guard, and drill teams pose a particularly higher risk for COVID-19 transmission because of the large number of people travelling together from other states that likely have lower vaccination rates, and that are of an age group with lower vaccination rates. The ToR has estimated up to 5,000 band participants, not including support staff/chaperones. Unvaccinated band members cannot/do not maintain physical distancing from others at all time during travel, practice and performance.

#### Before Arrival:

- Recommend or require that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, test before traveling from out of state, and be able to produce a documented negative test within 72 hours of travel, if requested by the ToR.
- People who test positive are “confirmed COVID-19 cases,” cannot come, and must isolate at home for 10 days. Bands with people who test positive must quarantine all unvaccinated close contacts to those people. Quarantined close contacts (**unvaccinated** people who were within 6 feet of the person with COVID-19 for a cumulative 15 minutes or more within 24 hours) must not travel to Pasadena.
- ToR must exclude anyone infectious with COVID-19 and unvaccinated close contacts from attending or participating in ToR activities including Bandfest and the Parade.
- Proof of negative test may be requested by the Tournament.

Option 1: (Strongly Recommended. Operationally advantageous for ToR because ToR is not required to conduct mega event pre-entry testing for this option and contact tracing and outbreaks resulting in band exclusion will be minimized) – Full vaccination is required for all eligible individuals including, but not limited to, band/color guard/drill team members, support staff, volunteers, and chaperones. Under this option in which all individuals are fully vaccinated:

- Close contacts (since they are fully vaccinated) are not required to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic. Asymptomatic close contacts should test 3-5 days after exposure.
- Anyone who is symptomatic MUST [test](#) and isolate while waiting for test result.
- Bands/color guard/drill teams must provide proof of vaccination to the Tournament. The ToR COVID-19 Lead shall be responsible for this process of verification. Self-attestation is not permitted.
- ToR must exclude anyone infectious with COVID-19 from attending or participating in ToR activities including Bandfest and the Parade. Consult with PPHD team to determine if person was onsite while infectious.

Option 2: (not preferred because of high likelihood of disruption to parade operations, and logistics are more onerous for ToR due to the requirements for pre-entry testing, contact tracing, and outbreak management) – Vaccination is strongly recommended for all individuals including band/color guard/drill team members, support staff, volunteers, and chaperones, but is not required.

- Bands/color guard/drill teams should begin testing 2 weeks prior to departure for the Rose Parade, so they have enough time to isolate cases and quarantine contacts who are not vaccinated.
- Unvaccinated close contacts to people who test positive for COVID-19 must quarantine and cannot travel to or participate in the parade. Vaccinated contacts do not have to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic and should test on day 3-5 after last contact.
- Anyone who is symptomatic MUST test and isolate while waiting for the test, and all unvaccinated close contacts must quarantine and cannot participate in the parade, leave home quarantine, or board a plane, for a minimum of 7 days if testing is done on day 5. All other close contacts should test on day 3-5.
- The ToR COVID-19 Lead must manage the process of vaccine or negative test verification. Self-attestation is not permitted.
- ToR must manage and assist with any contact tracing resulting from someone testing positive with COVID-19 from 10 days prior to arrival in Pasadena (the person is infectious for at least 10 days after testing positive and would have exposed other members or participants in events after arrival) until the last ToR event. The Lead is responsible for communication with the COVID-19 Leads for the band/groups affected, and for ensuring information is gathered by those individuals and submitted to the ToR Lead in a timely manner.
- Unvaccinated individuals must be tested within 72 hours of any ToR official activities that qualify as Outdoor or Indoor Mega Events (Including the parade), and must provide proof of negative test to the ToR to participate.
- People who test positive have to isolate for 10 days per health officer order, and cannot leave a temporary residence or board a plane or public transport for a minimum of 10 days. Anyone who is a close contact must quarantine for 7-10 days if unvaccinated. Vaccinated people who are asymptomatic do not have to quarantine.
- Unvaccinated individuals who are untested are not permitted to participate in the parade or any Indoor (1,000 or more people) or Outdoor Mega Events.
- Band/color guard/drill team members must mask at all times at the Rose Parade (including within formation and disbanding zones) except when actively performing in the parade.
- ToR must exclude anyone infectious with COVID-19 and unvaccinated close contacts from attending or participating in ToR activities including Bandfest and the Parade.

*ROSE BOWL GAME* – Outdoor Mega Event requirements apply

Masking: The Rose Bowl Game meets the state definition of an Outdoor Mega Event. Local orders require event organizers to provide masks to those who do not have one, and to remind people through various methods that masks are required. Everyone must wear a mask except when actively playing in the game (athletes), actively playing instruments (band), or performing (cheer squad). Patrons must wear a mask except when actively eating or drinking while seated or standing at a stationary counter, per the local order. Masks are also strongly recommended while entering and exiting the venue because of crowding and mixing and because people will not be able to physically distance. Masks are strongly recommended when tailgating before the event.

Proof of Vaccination or Negative COVID-19 Test as Condition of Entry: Patrons must show proof of vaccination or negative test within 72 hours as a condition of entry, except those 11 or younger.

Individuals verifying vaccine or test documents must crosscheck documents with a photo ID for patrons 18 years or older.

- [Flyer on how to verify vaccination](#)
- [Flyer on how to verify negative test result](#)

### *FLOAT DECORATING*

- Masks are required indoors and recommended outdoors when unable to maintain 6 feet of distance from others outside of one's household.
- COVID-19 and flu vaccination are strongly recommended for everyone eligible.
- COVID-19 compliance measures and vaccination recommendation must be reviewed by ToR with float making teams.
- A COVID-19 Compliance Lead should be designated for each float making team. This person enforces compliance with COVID-19 risk mitigation protocols.
- Symptom screening must be conducted such that everyone present is symptom-free.
- Anyone with symptoms should stay home and test for COVID-19.
- If any decorating area meets the definition of an Indoor Mega Event, requirements for verification of vaccination or negative test within 72 hour apply.

### *FLOATFEST/POST-PARADE FLOAT VIEWING* – Outdoor mega event requirements apply

Masking: FloatFest or Post-Parade Float Viewing meets the state definition of an Outdoor Mega Event. Local orders require event organizers to provide masks to those who do not have one, and to remind people through various methods that masks are required. Everyone must wear a mask except when actively eating or drinking while seated or standing at a stationary counter. Masks are also strongly recommended while entering and exiting the venue because of crowding and mixing and because people will not be able to physically distance.

Proof of Vaccination or Negative COVID-19 Test as Condition of Entry: Patrons must show proof of vaccination or negative test within 72 hours as a condition of entry, except those 11 or younger. Individuals verifying vaccine or test documents must crosscheck documents with a photo ID for patrons 18 years or older.

### *BANDFEST (Outdoors)*

- Mandatory vaccination is strongly recommended for all participants to avoid disruption to New Year's Day Parade activities that would likely result from mixing and potential COVID-19 transmission at Bandfest if participants are unvaccinated. The incubation period for the Delta variant (99% of COVID-19 virus in the US) is much shorter than for prior variants, and it is much more infectious than prior variants. It can infect and spread to large number of people within days, which is more of a risk with multiple days of ToR activities as compared to a single, one-time event.
- Verification of vaccination or proof of negative test is strongly encouraged for all participants if option 1 (requiring all participants to be fully vaccinated) is not selected.
- Masks are strongly encouraged at all times when unable to maintain 6 feet from others, and event organizer must provide masks to those who do not have them and provide reminders and encourage mask wearing.
- Use of modified masks and bell covers is recommended for those playing wind or brass instruments, if not fully vaccinated.
- Designate areas for eating and drinking where people can be stationary, seated or standing in one location, physically distanced from others while unmasked. Instruct everyone present to keep masks on except when actively eating and drinking, and not to wander or mingle while eating with mask off.