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Public Order Under City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority

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Subject: Targeted Safer at Home Order

The Coronavirus is widespread in our community, and the latest data from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health shows more Angelenos are infected with COVID-19 than ever before.

Our City is now close to a devastating tipping point, beyond which the number of hospitalized patients would start to overwhelm our hospital system, in turn risking needless suffering and death. These unfortunate facts about the spread of COVID-19 in our City mean that we must resume some of the more restrictive measures we instituted in the Spring.

The way to avoid that dreaded scenario is clear. We must refrain from gathering with people from outside our household wherever possible. Angelenos have shown what is possible when we cooperate, listen, and protect our family, friends, neighbors, and favorite businesses. This most recent surge in COVID-19 cases presents us with an opportunity to work together, again, to reduce its spread and flatten the curve.

We must minimize contact with others as much as possible. Even if you believe that the virus does not present a particular threat to you, consider the impact that your choices have on others. Because COVID-19 can be transmitted by someone who is unaware that she is carrying it, one person could be unknowingly infecting many people if she is not careful. The better we are now at staying apart, the sooner we will be able to come back together.

Under the provisions of Section 231(i) of the Los Angeles City Charter and Chapter 3, Section 8.27 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, I hereby declare that the Safer L.A. Order, dated June 1, 2020 (subsequently revised), is temporarily withdrawn and superseded by this Order, which is necessary for the protection of life and property in the City of Los Angeles and is effective immediately:

- I. Subject only to the exceptions outlined in this Order, all persons living within the City of Los Angeles are hereby ordered to remain in their homes. Residents of the City of Los Angeles who are experiencing homelessness are exempt from this requirement. The City is working, along with partner government agencies and non-governmental organizations, to make more emergency shelters available for the unhoused residents of our City. City of Los Angeles officials and contracted partners responsible for homelessness outreach shall make every reasonable effort to persuade such residents to accept, if offered, temporary housing or shelter, as the Health Officer of the County of Los Angeles recommends that sheltering individuals will assist in reducing the spread of the virus and will protect the individual from potential exposure by allowing the individual access to sanitation tools. People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care.
- II. Subject only to the exceptions outlined in this Paragraph and Paragraph V below, all businesses within the City of Los Angeles are ordered to cease operations that require in-person attendance by workers at a workplace. To the extent that business operations may be maintained by telecommuting or other remote means, while allowing all individuals to maintain shelter in their residences, this Order shall not apply to limit such business activities.
- III. All public and private gatherings of any number of people from more than one household are prohibited, except for outdoor faith-based services described in Paragraph 5 and participating in an in-person outdoor protest while wearing a face covering, maintaining social distancing, and observing the Los Angeles County Protocol for Public Demonstrations. This provision does not apply to gatherings of people who live within a single household or living unit. For purposes of this Order, and in relationship to private gatherings, 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. Private gatherings are defined as social situations that bring together people from different households at the same time in a single space or place.
- IV. All travel, including, without limitation, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit is prohibited, subject to the exceptions in Paragraph V.
- V. Exceptions. People may lawfully leave their residences while this Order is in effect only to engage in the following activities. All businesses operating under any of the following exemptions must comply with all applicable protocols set forth by the State of California and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.
 - A. Essential Activities Exempt. Certain business operations and activities are exempt from the provisions of this Order, on the grounds that they provide services that are recognized to be critical to the health and well-being of the City. Persons engaging in any of these essential activities are required to maintain reasonable social distancing practices and wear facial coverings. This includes maintaining a distance of at least six-feet away from others, frequently washing hands with soap

and water for at least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, not shaking hands and wearing a cloth face covering whenever there is or can be contact with others who are non-household members in both public and private places. Children (under the age of 2); those at risk of suffocation and people with certain disabilities are not required to wear a face covering.

Notwithstanding the above exceptions, all individuals over the age of 16 traveling into the City of Los Angeles from another state or country must complete and submit online a traveler form upon arrival, acknowledging that they have read and understood the State of California's travel advisory. Failure to submit the form is punishable by a fine of up to \$500. The travel form and travel advisory are available at <https://travel.lacity.org/>. Exempt activities include:

1. All healthcare operations, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, medical and scientific research, laboratories, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, veterinary care and pet day care providers, mental and behavioral health providers and support groups, substance use providers and support groups, physical therapists and chiropractors, cannabis dispensaries, blood and blood product donation organizations, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services, manufacturers and suppliers. Behavioral health or substance use disorder support group meetings must implement the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Reopening Protocol for Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Support Groups. Healthcare operations does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.
2. Grocery stores, water retailers, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, convenience stores, warehouse stores, food banks, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet food and medication supply, fresh or frozen meats, fish, and poultry, and other household consumer products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences. This includes stores that sell beer, wine, and liquor. Retail food markets, including but not limited to grocery stores, convenience stores, liquor stores and other retail locations that sell food or beverage products and that are required to have a health permit issued by the Los Angeles County of Public Health as a Food Market Retail, must comply with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocols for Grocery Stores and Retail Food Markets. Certified farmers markets may operate only if they are able to obtain written approval from the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) and only according to the guidelines and set forth by BSS.
3. Agricultural and horticultural cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing.
4. Organizations and businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals (including gang prevention and intervention, domestic violence, and

homeless services agencies).

5. Newspapers, television news, radio, magazine, podcast and journalism; and music, film and television production, after adopting the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Reopening Protocol for Music, Film and Television Production.
6. Gas service stations, auto/motorcycle part supply, mobile auto/motorcycle repair operations, auto/motorcycle repair shops (including, without limitation, auto repair shops that operate adjacent to or otherwise in connection with an used or retail auto dealership), bicycle repair shops and related facilities. Auto dealerships and motorcycle dealerships may open to the public, under the conditions required by and upon implementation of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Car Dealerships. Car washes are permitted to operate upon implementing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Car Washes.
7. Banks, credit unions, financial institutions and insurance companies, and pawn shops.
8. Hardware and building supply stores, day labor centers, nurseries and horticulture wholesale distributors.
9. Plumbers, electricians, custodial/janitorial workers, handyman services, funeral home workers and morticians, moving services, HVAC installers, carpenters, day laborers, landscapers, gardeners, exterminators, property managers and leasing agents, private security personnel and other service providers who provide services to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation to properties and other essential activities discussed in this subsection.
10. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, boxes and packaging, and post office boxes.
11. Educational institutions -- including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities -- for purposes of facilitating distance learning, planning for the upcoming school year or performing essential functions provided that social distancing of six-feet per person is maintained.
 - a) K-12 Schools. The County Public Health Officer requires all public and private schools (K-12) and school districts within the County of Los Angeles to conduct distance learning only. Since September 14, 2020, K-12 schools may offer in-school services for a small, stable cohort of students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or English Learners (ELs) needing assessments and/or specialized in-school services, with priority given to students with disabilities. Other prioritized groups for in person support and services include English learners, students not participating in distance learning, students at risk of abuse or neglect, foster youth, and students experiencing homelessness. Permissible in-person specialized services that require

cohorting of students, must limit the maximum stable cohort size to twelve (12) students and two (2) staff (not including aides assigned to children with special needs), and adhere to all provisions for safe opening of schools, as outlined in the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools. Schools must limit the number of students with IEPs and ELs, and other prioritized students allowed at any one time on campus for essential assessments and/or specialized in-school services to 25% or less of the total student body. In addition, Schools may reopen TK-2nd Grade for classroom instruction with a waiver application approved by the County Department of Public Health. Schools and School Districts that are permitted to reopen for prioritized individual and cohorted students (K-12) or upon an approved waiver application (TK-12) must follow the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools and the Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan in K-12 Schools.

- b) Colleges and Universities. Colleges and universities in Los Angeles County will not be able to resume all in-person academic instruction at this time. Institutions may continue to offer in-person training and instruction for essential workforce for required activities that cannot be accomplished through virtual learning. All other academic instruction must continue to be done via distance-learning as specified in the County's Protocols for Institutes of Higher Education. Faculty and other staff may come to campus for the purpose of providing distance learning, and other activities related to the purposes described above, as well as maintaining minimum basic operations. The institution must comply with all relevant portions of the County's Protocols for Institutes of Higher Education to maximize safety for all employees.

12. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers.

13. Restaurants and retail food facilities that prepare and offer food to customers via delivery service, to be picked up, via drive thru service. For those establishments offering food pick-up options, proprietors are directed to establish social distancing practices for those patrons in the queue for pick-up. This includes maintaining a distance of at least six-feet away from others. Schools and other entities that typically provide free food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so under this Order on the condition that the food is provided to students or members of the public on a pick-up and carry out basis only. Cafeterias, commissaries, and restaurants located within hospitals, nursing homes, or other licensed health care facilities may provide dine-in service, as long as Social (Physical) Distancing is practiced.

14. Businesses that supply or provide storage for retail goods and products needed for people to work from home.

15. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support, services, or supplies necessary to operate, provided that strict social distancing is maintained. This section includes, without limitation, utility companies.
16. Individuals and businesses that ship, truck, transport, or provide logistical support to deliver groceries, food, goods, or services directly to residences, or businesses engaged in essential activities or essential infrastructure.
17. Airlines, taxis, ride sharing services, car rental companies, and other private transportation services providing transportation services necessary for essential activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order. Small water vessel charters may operate after implementing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocols for Small Water Vessel Charters.
18. Home-based care for disabled persons, seniors, adults, or children.
19. Residential facilities and shelters for homeless residents, disabled persons, seniors, adults, children and animals.
20. Office-based businesses included on the State of California [listing of critical sectors](#), when teleworking is not possible. Aside from healthcare operations, essential infrastructure, and essential government functions, essential office-based businesses that are open for indoor operations must limit indoor capacity to 25% of maximum occupancy. Professional services, such as legal, leasing and real estate transactions, payroll or accounting services, when necessary to assist in the permitting, inspection, construction, transfer and recording of ownership of housing, and when necessary to achieve compliance with legally mandated activities are permitted. Housing units and real property may be shown, provided that appointments and other residential viewings occur virtually or, if a virtual viewing is not feasible, by appointment with no more than two visitors at a time residing within the same household or living unit and one individual showing the unit. However, such in-person visits are not permitted when a tenant occupant is still residing in the residence, unless the owner first obtains the tenant's written consent.
21. Childcare Facilities. All childcare facilities, including those operating at schools, must operate under the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Childcare Guidance and the following conditions:
 - a) Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer ("stable" means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day).
 - b) Children shall not change from one group to another
 - c) If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other.

- d) Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.
 - e) Day camps must not operate between the hours of 10 PM and 5 AM.
22. Hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities, and must implement the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Hotels, Lodging and Short-Term Rentals. Campgrounds, RV parks and cabin rental units may open after adopting the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Campgrounds, RV parks and Cabin Rental Units.
23. Military/Defense Contractors/FFRDC (Federally Funded Research and Development Centers). For purposes of this Order, essential personnel may leave their residence to provide any service or perform any work deemed essential for national security including, without limitation, defense, intelligence, and aerospace development and manufacturing for the Department of Defense, the Intelligence Community, and NASA and other federal government, and or United States Government departments and agencies. Essential personnel include prime, sub-prime, and supplier contractor employees, at both the prime contract level and any supplier level at any tier, working on federal United States Government contracts, such as contracts for national intelligence and national security requirements.
24. Businesses that manufacture retail goods. These businesses must also implement the County of Los Angeles Reopening Protocol for Warehousing, Manufacturing and Logistic Establishments.
25. Retail stores may operate, after implementing the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Protocols for Retail Establishments Opening for In-person Shopping. Retail stores that are open for indoor operations must limit indoor capacity to 20% of maximum occupancy and must not allow customers indoors between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Pacific, but may remain open for delivery and curbside pickup. Indoor Malls or Shopping Centers, defined as a building with seven or more sales or retail establishments with adjoining indoor space, including indoor swap meets, may reopen at up to 20% of overall mall or shopping center capacity. Restaurants and food facilities located entirely within an Indoor Mall or Shopping Center must close all in-person dining and may not take in-person orders for food or beverages inside the Indoor Mall or Shopping Center until further notice. Indoor malls and shopping centers must adopt the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocols for Shopping Center Operators.
26. Places of worship, provided that the gathering of congregants is held outdoors, and after implementing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Places of Worship Protocol.
- B. Permitted Activities and Business Sectors. All of the following otherwise permitted activities must close for operations between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Pacific. This Order shall not be construed to require that these facilities remain open at all hours outside of that time frame.

1. City Parks & Trails. Parks (except for playgrounds) shall remain open under normal operating hours, unless otherwise restricted, for passive recreational activities and for permissible active recreational activities defined herein while adhering to social distancing and shall follow the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Use of Public Trails.
2. Recreational and Cultural Programming. The City of Los Angeles, following the recommendations and directives of the County Department of Public Health, shall cancel its recreational and cultural programming and close all park facilities (buildings, sites and centers) but will permit outdoor youth sports leagues in conformance with the Department of County Health's Reopening Guidelines for Youth Sports. "Recreation and cultural programming" refers to non-permitted recreational and cultural activities, indoor and outdoor sports leagues, aquatics classes, instructional courses, and group sessions on City-owned and operated park land. "Park facilities," which shall be closed to the public, except those permitted for youth sports leagues, refers to the City's Department of Recreation and Parks facilities, including: basketball courts, volleyball courts, baseball fields, Venice Boardwalk (except as necessary to travel to an essential business), Griffith Observatory, Greek Theatre, Travel Town, Griffith Park train rides and pony rides, the Cabrillo Marine Museum, Sherman Oaks Castle, EXPO Center, and aquatics facilities.
3. Golf & Tennis (Pickleball). Golf, Tennis and Pickleball are permitted at public and private courses operating under the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Reopening Protocol for Golf Courses.
4. Day Camps. Day camp owners and operators must implement and post the required County Public Health Protocol for Day Camps.
5. Beaches and Piers. All City of Los Angeles piers are closed. Beaches are open for active recreation, including swimming, surfing, running and walking; however, sunbathing, sitting, gatherings in violation of Paragraph 3 of this Order, youth camps, group sports, large gatherings and athletic competitions are not allowed. Visitors to beaches shall follow the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for use of Public Beaches.
6. Pools. Outdoor and indoor pools that serve members from more than one household are closed, except that outdoor pools that offer regulated lap swimming (one swimmer per lane) may remain open. All gatherings at pool areas are prohibited.
7. Other Recreational Uses. Courts, shooting and archery ranges, equestrian centers, model airplane areas, community gardens, and bike parks may operate upon implementing the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health protocols found in paragraph 6. Census Centers located at Recreation and Parks facilities may remain open, provided strict adherence to

social distancing practices. Outdoor Museums, Open Air Galleries, Botanical Gardens and other Outdoor Exhibition Spaces may open upon implementing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocols for Opening for Outdoor Museums and Galleries. For hire fishing, guided fishing or small-group chartered boat trips may operate upon implementing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocol for Small Water Vessel Charters. Businesses may offer outdoor equipment rentals for transportation and/or physical activities only, such as kayaks, stand up paddle boats, kitesurfing, electric boat rentals, and bikes, after implementing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocols for Outdoor Equipment Rental Services. Participants in outdoor professional sports must adhere to the requirements of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocol for Professional Sports Leagues and Facilities Opening for Training Sessions and Spectator-Free Events.

8. Music and Video Production. Operations for music and video production must prepare, implement, and post the required Los Angeles County Public Health protocol for Music, Film and Television Production, as well as abide by applicable industry-generated protocols.
9. Personal care establishments may reopen for indoor operations with required modifications. Personal Care Establishments also include hair salons, nail salons, barbershops, esthetic, skin care, electrology, body art professional, tattoo parlors, and piercing shops, tanning salons and massage therapy (in non-healthcare settings). Indoor capacity at personal care establishments is limited to 20% of maximum capacity. Personal care establishments must not operate between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Services at personal care establishments may only be provided by appointment. Customers and staff must keep face coverings on, over both their nose and mouth, at all times; services that require a customer/client or a personal care attendant to remove their face covering, e.g., facials and shaves, are prohibited. The owner, manager or operator of a personal care establishment must, prior to reopening, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Personal Care Establishments.
10. Fitness facilities, including private gymnasiums, may open for outdoor operations only at 50% maximum outdoor capacity. The indoor portions of Fitness facilities are closed to the public until further notice.. Fitness facilities must not operate between the hours of 10 PM and 5 AM.
11. Libraries that are not on campuses of institutes of higher education may remain open at 20% of maximum indoor capacity. Libraries may elect to continue curbside pick-up operations.
12. Outdoor areas of museums, galleries, aquariums and zoos, after implementing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Museums, Galleries, Zoos, and Aquariums.

13. Businesses renting outdoor equipment for transportation and/or physical activities after implementing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocols for Outdoor Equipment Rental Services.
 14. Professional sports leagues, teams and facilities may operate for training and competition, without spectators, after implementing the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocol for Professional Sports Leagues and Facilities Opening for Training Sessions and Spectator-Free Events.
 15. Breweries and Wineries. Breweries and wineries are closed for in-person onsite food and beverage service. Breweries and wineries may remain open for indoor retail operations at 20% of maximum indoor occupancy following Los Angeles County Department of Public Health protocols.
- C. Work in Support of Essential Activities. To perform work providing essential products and services or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order.
- D. Care for Others. To care for or support a friend, family member, or pet in another household.
- E. Emergency Personnel. All first responders, gang and crisis intervention workers, public health workers, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement personnel, and related contractors and others working for emergency services providers are categorically exempt from this Order.
- F. Government Employees. This Order does not apply to employees of government agencies working within the course and scope of their public service employment. Employees of the City of Los Angeles shall follow any current or future directives issued by the Mayor.
- G. Essential Infrastructure. Individuals may leave their residences to provide any services or goods or perform any work necessary to to build, operate, maintain or manufacture essential infrastructure, including without limitation construction of public health operations, commercial, office and institutional buildings, residential buildings and housing; airport operations, food supply, concessions, and construction; port operations and construction; water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil extraction and refining; roads and highways, public transportation and rail; solid waste collection, removal, and recycling; flood control and watershed protection; internet and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, phone retail sales and servicing, and web-based services); and manufacturing and distribution companies deemed essential to the supply chains of the industries referenced in this Paragraph, provided that they carry out those services and that work in compliance with social distancing practices as prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, to the extent possible.

- H. Non-Essential Businesses. Businesses regarded under this Order as “non-essential” may be permitted to conduct minimum basic operations including inventory, security, custodial services, payroll and employee benefits processing, and any reasonable activity designed to maximize the ability for its employees to work remotely from their homes. Any Non-Essential Businesses conducting minimum basic operations, as allowed for in the paragraph, shall keep its doors closed and locked to the public at all times and shall post a sign on its main entrances stating that the business is closed to the public.
- VI. Public Notice of Social Distancing Protocols for Certain Public-Facing Essential Businesses. The City of Los Angeles has adopted all safety protocols developed by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health. All individuals, except young children at risk of suffocation and people with certain disabilities, engaging in the permitted activities described below must wear face coverings and adopt social distancing requirements. All businesses must require workers and customers to wear face coverings and adopt and comply with the applicable County Public Health protocol(s) for its business sector, which are available for download at <https://www.lamayor.org/COVID19Orders> and <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>. For relevant businesses, (i) the protocols notice must be posted at or near the entrance to the facility so that it is easily viewable by the public and employees; and (ii) copies of the protocols must be provided to each employee performing work at the facility; and (iii) the business must provide evidence of its implementation of the protocols to any authority enforcing this Order upon demand.
- VII. To the extent that this Order is in conflict with earlier Orders, this Order shall supersede the others.
- VIII. Failure to comply with this Order shall constitute a misdemeanor subject to fines and imprisonment. I hereby urge the Los Angeles Police Department and the City Attorney to vigorously enforce this Order via Sections 8.77 and 8.78 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code. Additionally, individuals, businesses, and properties which fail to comply with this Order may be subject to having their utility services shut off by the Department of Water and Power. The Deputy Mayor of Public Safety, or his written designee, after issuance of a written warning, may request the Department of Water and Power to shut off utility services at the business or property. Upon receiving such a written referral, the Department of Water & Power is authorized to shut off utility services to the identified business or property operating in violation of the Order.
- IX. Business owners and operators are authorized to refuse service to any individual who fails to wear a face covering and I strongly encourage business owners/operators to do so.
- X. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then

such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

This Order shall be in place during the local emergency period, and it may be amended or rescinded as warranted according to local public health conditions.



Eric Garcetti, MAYOR

Dated: December 2, 2020 at Los Angeles, California
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