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The County of Los Angeles (County) has continued to experience consistent declines in COVID-19 cases, test positivity rates, and related hospitalizations. The consistency in the decline of these metrics in the County allows for a revision of required community-level infection control strategies. Indeed, the County is now experiencing both a Low Community Level, as measured by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) COVID-19 Community Level Framework, and a weekly COVID-19 transmission rate that is lower than 100 cases per 100,000 residents.

The County has, therefore, revised and updated its Health Officer Order to closely align with the State Public Health Officer's September 20, 2022 guidance regarding the requirement to wear a face mask in the following higher risk settings: homeless shelters, cooling and heating centers, emergency shelters, and correctional facilities. The County's Health Officer Order also **revises the masking requirement** on public transportation and indoor transportation hubs – from required to strongly recommended – given the current lower rate of COVID-19 transmission within Los Angeles County. The County's Public Health Department (LACDPH) will continue following the County's COVID-19 Response Plan to recommend or require future mitigation measures should the County's designation on the CDC's Community Level framework increase to Medium or High and the County's COVID-19 transmission level substantially increases in the future. The County's updated Health Officer Order confirms that local health jurisdictions may implement additional protective measures based on local conditions. Thus, the County's Health Officer Order recognizes that local businesses, and venues may choose to continue requiring more protective infection control precautions for their customers, visitors and workers.

Accordingly, this Order aligns significantly with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer effective Friday, September 23, 2022. This Safer L.A. Order's primary intent continues to be to reduce the transmission risk of COVID-19 in the City of Los Angeles for those in higher transmission risk settings and

protect those persons at elevated risk for severe health outcomes due to COVID-19 infection. It is very likely that there will be additional and unpredictable waves of infections and hospitalizations that will require monitoring and may require implementing different strategies to meet changing mitigation needs. The City will be ready to meet those challenges should they arise.

Consistent with the LACDPH Health Officer Order, dated September 23, 2022 (which has been revised “to strongly recommend, but no longer require, masking for all persons using public transit or at indoor transportation hubs”), this Order **revises the masking requirement in City of Los Angeles facilities** from “required” to “strongly recommended.” This Order continues to place certain safety requirements on individuals in higher-risk settings consistent with federal and state recommendations. Further, this Order incorporates by reference the July 26, 2021, and December 22, 2021 Orders of the State Public Health Officer, which require specific transmission prevention measures to be taken by Acute Health Care and Long-Term Care settings, High-Risk Congregate settings, and Other Health Care settings. Significantly, the State Orders recognize that local government entities, including the City of Los Angeles, businesses, and venues may choose to continue requiring more protective infection control precautions for their customers, visitors and workers.

Masks still remain a critical component for protecting those that are most vulnerable in our communities, people who are not vaccinated or not yet vaccine-eligible, people with compromised immune systems, or those at risk for severe disease and illness.

Here in Los Angeles, COVID-19 remains a concern to public health. Even though more people in the County are vaccinated, there are still millions of people in the County who are not yet fully vaccinated, people who are not eligible, and people who are immunocompromised and may be vulnerable to infection and disease. Most COVID-19 infections are spread by people with no or mild symptoms.

Current vaccines lower the risk of infection with COVID-19 and, if infected, help protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to infection. However, breakthrough infections in people who are vaccinated can occur, but at a significantly lower rate than those among persons who are not fully vaccinated.¹ People who are up to date (up to date means fully vaccinated and received a booster dose, or fully vaccinated but not yet booster-eligible) with their COVID-19 vaccines and get COVID-19 are less likely to develop severe illness, be hospitalized, or die than those who are unvaccinated and get COVID-19. Additionally, according to the CDC "...getting a COVID-19 vaccination is a safer and more dependable way to build immunity to COVID-19 than getting sick with COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccination causes a more predictable immune response than infection with the virus that causes COVID-19." Conversely, the level of protection people get from COVID-19 infection alone may vary widely depending on how mild or severe their illness was, the time since their infection, which variant they were infected with, and their age.

¹People are considered “fully vaccinated” against COVID-19 two weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose COVID-19 vaccine series (e.g., Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), a single-dose of Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, or finished the series of a COVID-19 vaccine that has been [listed for emergency use](#) by the World Health Organization.

A recent study showed that, for people who already had COVID-19, those who do not get vaccinated after their recovery are more than 2 times as likely to get COVID-19 again than those who get fully vaccinated after their recovery.

Based on this current science, the best way to reduce the current level of community transmission, reduce the likelihood of new variants emerging, and prevent future surges and avoid overwhelming the health care delivery system, is for everyone who is eligible, including those who have recovered from COVID-19, to get fully vaccinated and be up to date on their vaccines as soon as possible (this includes obtaining the Fall 2022 bivalent COVID-19 booster). People at risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (more likely to be hospitalized, need intensive care, require a ventilator to help them breathe, or die), such as unvaccinated older adults, people from racial and ethnic minority groups, and individuals with [underlying medical conditions associated with higher risk for severe COVID-19](#),² and members of their households, are strongly urged to get vaccinated as soon as they can. And all persons who are fully vaccinated should also receive a booster dose(s) of the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are eligible since studies show that the protection from the primary COVID-19 vaccination decreases over time. With an increased immune response, people should have improved protection against getting infected with and seriously ill from COVID-19, including the variants.

Everyone should recognize that post-surge does not mean that the pandemic is over or that there will not be additional unpredictable waves of surges that will require monitoring and may require implementing different strategies to meet changing mitigation needs. The City and County will need to be ready to meet those challenges should they arise. You can find more detailed information regarding the metrics used to assess the risk posed by COVID-19 and assign appropriate prevention measures, in the [Los Angeles County Post Surge Response Plan](#).

The intent of this Order is to continue to protect the most vulnerable Angelenos, including those at risk of experiencing elevated rates of illness, hospitalization and death, from COVID-19, including those in higher transmission risk settings, to safeguard the functioning of hospitals and the health care system, and to prevent the unconstrained spread of COVID-19 and significant illness. In addition, this Order is intended to continue increasing COVID-19 vaccination and booster dose rates. The goal of this Order is to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 long-term so that the whole community is safer, and the COVID-19 health emergency can come to an end.

²Based on the current evidence, a person with one or more of the medical conditions listed below is more likely to get very sick (more likely to be hospitalized, need intensive care, require a ventilator to help them breathe, or die) from COVID-19. The underlying medical conditions associated with high risk severe COVID-19 include: Cancer, Cerebrovascular disease, Chronic kidney disease, Chronic lung diseases (Interstitial lung disease, Pulmonary embolism, Pulmonary hypertension, Bronchiectasis, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)), Chronic liver diseases (Cirrhosis, Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, Alcoholic liver disease, Autoimmune hepatitis), Cystic fibrosis, Diabetes mellitus, type 1 and type 2, Disabilities (Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Cerebral Palsy, Congenital Malformations (Birth Defects), Limitations with self-care or activities of daily living, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, Spinal Cord Injuries), Heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies), HIV (human immunodeficiency virus), Mental health disorders (Mood disorders, including depression, Schizophrenia spectrum disorders), Neurologic conditions limited to dementia, Obesity (BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²), Primary Immunodeficiencies, Pregnancy and recent pregnancy, Physical inactivity, Smoking (current and former), Solid organ or hematopoietic cell transplantation, Tuberculosis, and Use of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medications.

As stated in the County's September 23, 2022 Health Officer Order, it remains "very likely" that there will be additional and unpredictable waves of infections and hospitalizations that will require monitoring and may require implementing different strategies to meet changing mitigation needs. Therefore, this Order may be revised in the future, if needed, to reflect the State Executive Orders, California Division of Occupational Safety and Health's (aka "Cal/OSHA") worksite requirements, State Public Health Officer Orders and guidance, and CDC recommendations.

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 September 26, 2022, is 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 on **Monday, October 3, 2022** at 12:01 AM:

1. All persons living and working within the City of Los Angeles should continue to always practice required and recommended COVID-19 infection control measures at all times and when among other persons when in community, work, social, or school settings, especially when multiple unvaccinated persons from different households may be present and in close contact with each other, especially when in indoor or crowded outdoor settings.

All persons in the general public diagnosed with COVID-19 must review and comply with the requirements for isolation provided in the County's Health Officer Public Health Emergency [Isolation Order](#). And those who were exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 while the positive person was infectious must review and comply with the quarantine requirements provided in the County's Health Officer Public Health Emergency [Quarantine Order](#). Separate isolation and quarantine requirements are outlined in the [Coronavirus Disease 2019: Infection Prevention Guidance for Healthcare Personnel](#) and in [Appendix T1: Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools for students in K-12 School Settings](#).

2. **Face Masks**

All individuals, businesses, and employers must follow the requirements included in this Order and the LACDPH Health Officer Order (dated September 23, 2022). These requirements and recommendations for the use of face masks are aligned with the September 20, 2022 Guidance issued by the State Public Health Officer. LACDPH and the State Public Health Officer strongly recommend that all persons, regardless of vaccination status, continue to wear face masks indoors to prevent transmission to:

- Persons with a higher risk of infection (e.g., unvaccinated or immunocompromised persons),
- Persons with prolonged, cumulative exposures (e.g., workers), or
- Persons whose vaccination status is unknown.

When people wear a well-fitting mask with good filtration correctly, they protect others as well as themselves. Consistent and correct mask use (covering nose and mouth) is especially important indoors when in close contact with others (less than six feet from) who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or whose vaccination status is unknown.

a. Masks are strongly recommended, but no longer required, to be worn by everyone, 2 years of age or older, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, in the following City of Los Angeles settings:

- i. On public transit (examples: commuter trains, subways, buses, taxis, and rideshares);
- ii. Indoor transportation hubs (examples: airport and bus terminals, marina, train and subway stations, seaport or other ports, or any other area that provides transportation);

Please note, masking while on public transit and indoors at transportation hubs is still strongly recommended to continue to protect both our most vulnerable residents, workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., on public transit and at transportation hubs), and those communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Such settings are often crowded with limited and inadequate ventilation.

Please also note that transit providers may elect to continue requiring masking in their transportation hubs and on their conveyances.

- iii. Indoors in K-12 schools and childcare facilities (See, [Appendix T1](#) for recent updates to K-12 School masking requirements, attached to the LACDPH Health Officer Order dated September 23, 2022). Both the County and State Public Health Officer strongly recommend that individuals in these settings continue to mask in indoor settings;
- iv. City of Los Angeles facilities;

b. Masks are still required to be worn by everyone, 2 years of age or older, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, in the following City of Los Angeles settings:

- i. Healthcare settings (including long-term care facilities and adult and senior care facilities). This requirement applies to all health care settings, including those that are not covered by the [State Health Officer Order issued on July 26, 2021](#);
- ii. In the following non-healthcare indoor settings, facilities may use the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels to determine the level of masking requirements within their facility:

1. State and local correctional facilities and detention centers.
2. Homeless shelters, emergency shelters, and cooling and heating centers.
 - a. When the COVID-19 Community Level is Low, masking may be based on individual preference:
 - i. Only in non-clinical areas (such as housing units, communal dining areas, visitation areas, and in administrative areas where only staff may have access), and
 - ii. When there have been no outbreaks (defined as three suspected, probable, or confirmed COVID-19 cases within a 14-day period among epidemiologically linked residents and/or staff) in the entire facility or within separated, closed subunits that do not allow for mixing of those residents or staff with the general population.
 - b. When the COVID-19 Community Level is Low, facilities must make surgical masks or higher level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit available at all times to any residents and staff who would like to use them based upon their personal preferences.
 - c. When the COVID-19 Community Level is Medium or High, facilities must maintain or reinstate universal masking for all staff and residents, regardless of if there are no outbreaks within the facility.
 - i. Universal masking of all staff and residents, regardless of vaccination status and Community Level, is required in all clinical areas (or when any healthcare is being delivered), including isolation and quarantine areas, or any other areas that are covered by other specified high risk settings.
 - ii. In certain healthcare situations or settings, surgical masks (or higher filtration masks) are required. In workplaces, employers and employees are subject to either the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) or the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standard and should consult those regulations for additional applicable requirements.
- c. Masks are strongly recommended for all persons, regardless of vaccine status, in other indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, card rooms, and meetings). Well-fitting and better filtering masks (e.g., double masks, high filtration cloth masks, medical masks) and respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) are highly recommended. In

settings where masks are strongly recommended, businesses, venue operators, or hosts should, as a strategy to reduce the risk of transmission at their site(s), consider:

- i. Providing information to all patrons, guests, and attendees regarding mask recommendations or their masking requirements for all persons regardless of vaccine status.
 - ii. Providing information to all patrons, guests and attendees to consider [better fit and filtration](#) for their masks. Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with a good fit are recommended over cloth masks.
 - iii. Requiring all patrons, workers, or both to wear masks, especially when risk in the community may be substantial or high, or if those being served are at high risk for severe disease or illness.
- d. Special considerations are made for people with communication difficulties or certain disabilities. Clear masks or cloth masks with a clear plastic panel that fit well are an [alternative type of mask](#) for people who interact with: people who are deaf or hard of hearing, children or students learning to read, people learning a new language, and people with disabilities.
- e. All local government entities, businesses, venue operators or hosts should implement measures, including posting conspicuous signage, to clearly communicate the masking requirements to all persons on their premises.
- f. No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a business or venue, including K-12 Schools and childcare settings.
- g. In workplaces, most employers and businesses are subject to the [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards \(ETS\)](#) and some to the [Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standards](#) and should consult those regulations for additional applicable requirements. The ETS allow local health jurisdictions to require more protective mandates.
- i. In workplace establishments and settings with active outbreaks, the site is required to cooperate with LACDPH's investigation of the outbreak, and quarantine and isolation may be extended for additional days by County Public Health outbreak investigators to help lower the risk of ongoing transmission at the site.
 - ii. Healthcare personnel in any setting must comply with the State's *Guidance on Quarantine for Health Care Personnel (HCP) Exposed to SARS-CoV-2 and Return to Work for HCP with COVID-19*, as described in [AFL-21-08.8](#).

- h. In workplace indoor settings where masking is recommended, but not required, employers are required to offer for voluntary use well-fitting medical masks³ and respirators, such as an N95, KN95, or KF94, at no cost to their employees who work indoors and have contact with other workers, customers, or members of the public, or in vehicles with more than one person. Please note that Cal/OSHA COVID-19 ETS requires that employers provide respirators upon request for voluntary use to employees who are not fully vaccinated and who are working indoors or in vehicles with more than one person.
 - i. Employers that elect to maintain universal masking indoors at their business, facility, or venue should provide well-fitting medical masks at no cost to their employees.
- i. The following individuals are exempt from wearing masks at all times:
 - i. Persons younger than two years old. Very young children must not wear a mask because of the risk of suffocation.
 - ii. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.
 - iii. Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
 - iv. Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

3. Mandatory Reporting by Businesses and Governmental Entities

Persons and businesses within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction, are required to follow the COVID-19 infection control protocols and guidance provided by the LACDPH regarding isolation of persons confirmed or suspected to be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 disease or quarantine of those exposed to and at risk of infection from COVID-19. In instances where the County has not provided specific guidance or protocols, specific guidance or protocols established by the State Public Health Officer shall control.

- a. In the event that an owner, manager, or operator of any business knows of three (3) or more cases of COVID-19 among their employees, assigned or contracted workers or volunteers, within a span of 14 days, the employer must report this outbreak to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health at (888) 397-3993 or (213) 240-7821, or online at www.redcap.link/covidreport.

³ Masks with an adjustable nose bridge that are made of at least three layers of non-woven material (melt-blown fabric and/or polypropylene) will provide increased protection and meet the requirements for a "medical mask." These masks are often sold as disposable, protective, medical, or surgical masks.

- b. In the event that an owner, manager, or operator of any business is informed that one or more employees, assigned or contracted workers, or volunteers of the business has tested positive for, or has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (case), the employer must have a protocol to require the case(s) to isolate themselves at home and follow Cal/OSHA requirements for workers who were exposed to the COVID-19 case(s).

4. **LACDPH Best Practice Guidance.**

- a. All individuals and businesses are strongly urged to follow the LACDPH Best Practice Guidance, containing health and safety recommendations for COVID-19.
- b. Considerations for Persons at Higher Risk for Negative Health Outcomes: People at risk for severe illness or death from COVID-19—such as unvaccinated older adults and unvaccinated individuals with [underlying medical conditions associated with higher risk for severe COVID-19](#)—and members of their household, should defer participating in activities with other people outside their household where taking protective measures, including wearing face masks and social distancing, may not occur or will be difficult, especially indoors or in crowded spaces. For those who are not yet fully vaccinated, staying home or choosing outdoor activities as much as possible with physical distancing from other households whose vaccination status is unknown is the best way to prevent the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- c. Encourage Activities that Can Occur Outdoors. All businesses and governmental entities are urged to consider moving operations or activities outdoors, where feasible and to the extent allowed by local law and permitting requirements, because there is generally less risk of COVID-19 transmission outdoors as opposed to indoors.
- d. Ventilation Guidelines. All businesses and governmental entities with indoor operations are urged to review the Ventilation Guidelines and implement ventilation strategies for indoor operations as feasible. See California Department of Public Health [Interim Guidance for Ventilation, Filtration and Air Quality in Indoor Environments](#) for detailed information. Nothing in this Order limits any ventilation requirements that apply to particular settings under federal, state, or local law.
- e. High-Risk Health Care and Congregate Settings. This Order incorporates by reference, the State Public Health Officer Order of July 26, 2021, which requires additional statewide facility-directed measures to protect particularly vulnerable populations. The Order is found here: [State Public Health Officer Order of July 26, 2021](#).

5. Sectors that Continue to Require Additional Risk Reduction Measures.

The following sectors serve persons and populations that have lower rates of vaccination, who are at higher risk of being infected, or who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated. As such, these sectors continue to require additional risk reduction measures and must operate subject to the following conditions listed below and those specified in the County sector-specific reopening protocol(s) located at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/index.htm>.

In settings where pre-entry verification of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 viral test result is not required by the County, local government entities, such as the City of Los Angeles, businesses, venue operators, and hosts may choose to require pre-entry verification of COVID-19 vaccination, pre-entry verification of a negative COVID-19 viral test result, or both as an additional, important strategy to reduce transmission at their site(s), regardless of masking. **Note:** The City of Los Angeles requires proof of full vaccination with a COVID-19 vaccine to enter certain public locations. For applicable City rules, please see Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 200.120 *et seq.*

- a. **Day camps.** Day camp owners and operators must review, implement and post the required LACDPH Reopening Protocol for Day Camps, attached to the LACDPH Health Officer Order (dated September 23, 2022) as [Appendix K](#).
- b. **Schools (K-12) and School Districts.** All public and private schools (K-12) and school districts within the County of Los Angeles may open for in-person classes. Educational facilities serving students at any grade level must review, implement and post the required LACDPH Protocols for K-12 Schools, attached to the LACDPH Health Officer Order (dated September 23, 2022) at [Appendix T1](#), and must follow the Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan in K-12 Schools, attached to the LACDPH Health Officer Order (dated September 23, 2022) as [Appendix T2](#).
- c. **Recommendations for Both Outdoor and Indoor Mega Events:** At all Indoor and Outdoor Mega Events (1,000+ attendees for Indoor, and 10,000+ attendees for Outdoor), operators are encouraged to follow these additional recommendations:
 1. **Indoor Mega Events:** Beginning April 1, 2022, it is strongly recommended, but not required, that Indoor Mega Event operators verify the full vaccination status⁴ or pre-entry COVID-19 viral test⁵ result of all attendees ages 2 and older.

⁴ The following are acceptable as proof of full vaccination status: 1) A photo identification of the attendee and 2) their vaccination card (which includes name of person vaccinated, type of COVID-19 vaccine provided, and date last dose administered) OR a photo of a vaccination card as a separate document OR a photo of the attendee's vaccine card stored on a phone or electronic device OR documentation of the person's full vaccination against COVID-19 from a healthcare provider.

⁵ Pre-entry negative COVID-19 viral testing is testing that must be conducted before entry into the event or venue (both PCR and antigen are acceptable). Results of the test must be available and provided to the operator prior to entry into the event or venue. The following is required as acceptable proof of a negative COVID-19 viral test result: 1) A photo identification of the attendee (for attendees 18 years of age and older) and 2) a printed document from the test provider or laboratory OR an email or text message displayed on a phone from the test provider or laboratory. The test result information needs to include the person's name, date of test, type of test performed, and negative test result. To be considered a valid pre-entry negative COVID-19 viral test result that permits entry into the event or venue, an antigen test must be conducted within one day and PCR test must be conducted within two days prior to event entry.

When continuing to implement, Indoor Mega Event operators are strongly recommended **not** to use self-attestation as a method to verify an attendee's status as fully vaccinated or as proof of a negative COVID-19 test result. Operators should cross-check proof of full vaccination or negative COVID-19 viral test result against a photo identification for all attendees who are 18 years of age or older. Operators may continue to require masking, regardless of vaccination status. It is also strongly recommended, but not required, that all attendees, regardless of vaccination status, wear a well-fitting mask, except when actively eating or drinking, while indoors at an Indoor Mega Event. Operators should consider making masks (preferably respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s)) available to attendees upon request. Indoor Mega Event operators must prominently place information on all communications, including reservation and ticketing systems, to ensure guests are aware that the State and County strongly recommend that they be fully vaccinated or obtain a negative COVID-19 test prior to attending the event.

2. **Outdoor Mega Events:** It is recommended, but not required, that Outdoor Mega Event operators of events or venues that are ticketed or held in a defined space with controlled points of public entry verify the full vaccination status (see footnote 4) or pre-entry negative COVID-19 viral test (see footnote 5) result of all attendees, ages 5 and older, prior to entry. If pre-entry verification is continued, those attendees who cannot provide proof of full vaccination, a pre-entry COVID-19 negative result from a test conducted within one day for antigen tests and within two days for PCR tests may be accepted. Outdoor Mega Event operators should prominently place information on all communications, including reservation and ticketing systems, to ensure guests are aware of both the County Health Officer's recommendation that all attendees, ages 5 and older, either be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or obtain a negative COVID-19 viral test prior to attending the event. Operators may continue to require pre-entry vaccination verification or a pre-entry negative COVID-19 viral test result as an additional, important strategy to reduce transmission at their site(s), regardless of masking. If continued, the operator should cross-check proof of full vaccination or negative COVID-19 viral test result against a photo identification for all attendees who are 18 years of age or older. Operators are to make face masks available for all attendees.
3. **Additional Recommendations for Both Outdoor and Indoor Mega Events:**
 - a. Assign staff to remind all guests of the recommendation to wear face masks while on the premises or location.
 - b. Encourage everyone to get vaccinated and receive a COVID-19 booster when eligible.
 - c. Encourage all attendees to consider better fit and filtration for masks [Respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) or surgical masks with good fit are recommended over cloth masks].

- d. Facilitate increased ventilation of indoor spaces (i.e., open all windows and doors to increase natural airflow), following the [CDPH Interim Guidance for Ventilation, Filtration and Air Quality in Indoor Environments](#).
- e. Encourage everyone to sign up for [CA Notify](#) as an added layer of protection for themselves and the community to receive alerts when they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19. Encourage those who test positive for COVID-19 to alert CA Notify to anonymously notify those who may have been exposed.
- f. Convey the risk of attending large, crowded events where the vaccine status of other attendees may be unknown to the individuals.
- g. Convey the risk of attending large, crowded events for populations that may not currently be eligible for vaccination or may be immunocompromised and whose vaccine protection may be incomplete.
- h. If along any parade or event route, provide outdoor spaces for eating/drinking/congregating to reduce the risk of transmission in indoor settings.

d. Overnight Organized/ Children’s Camps. An organized camp is a site with program and facilities established for the primary purpose of providing an overnight outdoor group living experience for recreational or other purposes for five days or more during one or more seasons of the year. A Notice of Intent to Operate must be submitted by the Camp operator to the Environmental Health Division at Communityhealth@ph.lacounty.gov prior to operation. The owner or operator of an Overnight Organized/Children’s Camp must review, implement and post the required LACDPH Protocols for Overnight Organized / Children’s Camps, attached to the LACDPH Health Officer Order (dated September 23, 2022 as [Appendix K-1](#)).

e. Organized Youth Sports Activities. Organized youth sports include all school (K-12 Grades) and community-sponsored programs and recreational or athletic activities and privately organized clubs and leagues. Organized Youth Sport Protocols do not apply to collegiate or professional sports. The Protocol provides direction on outdoor and indoor youth sports activities to support an environment that presents less risk for participants of these sports. The organizers and operators of Organized Youth Sport Activities must review, implement and post the required LACDPH Protocol for Organized Youth Sports, attached to the LACDPH Health Officer Order (dated September 23, 2022) as [Appendix S](#).

f. Bars, Breweries, Wineries and Distilleries. It is recommended, but not required, that bars that have a low-risk food facility public health permit and breweries, wineries, and distilleries with a #1, #2, #4, #23 and/or #74 state alcohol license that do not possess or that are not required to have a public health permit to operate require patrons, who are 12 years of age or older, to provide proof of their COVID-19 full vaccination status for entry. Facilities may continue to require pre-entry vaccination verification for indoor service as an additional, important strategy to reduce transmission at their site(s), regardless of the level of community

transmission. For facilities that continue a vaccination verification process, the facility should determine whether and communicate to patrons if a negative test result from a COVID-19 viral test conducted within one day for antigen tests and within two days for PCR tests prior to entry is acceptable for indoor service at their site.

- g. Nightclubs and Lounges.** It is recommended, but not required, that nightclubs and lounges⁶ that are open only to persons 18 years of age or older, require patrons to provide proof of their COVID-19 full vaccination status for entry. Facilities may continue to require pre-entry vaccination verification for indoor service as an additional, important strategy to reduce transmission at their site(s), regardless of the level of community transmission. For facilities that continue a vaccination verification process, the facility should determine whether and communicate to patrons if a negative test result from a COVID-19 viral test conducted within one day for antigen tests and within two days for PCR tests prior to entry is acceptable for indoor service at their site.
- h. Restaurants.** These indoor venues serve food or drink indoors and are required to maintain a valid public health permit to operate. Due to the risk of transmission at places where persons are indoors and unmasked, the County Health Officer strongly recommends that the operators of these venues reserve and prioritize indoor seating and service for patrons who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

6. If traveling, all individuals should follow all LACDPH and CDC travel guidance located at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/traveladvisory.htm> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>.

7. To the extent that this Order conflicts with earlier Orders, this Order shall supersede the others.

8. 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.

9. Business owners and operators are authorized to refuse service to any individual who fails to comply with this Order.

10. Because guidance may change, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is subject to this Order is encouraged to consult the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's website (www.publichealth.lacounty.gov) daily to identify any modifications to the LACDPH Order (dated September 23, 2022) and the Best Practice Guidance.

⁶ Nightclub means a commercial establishment dispensing beverages for consumption on the premises and in which dancing is permitted or entertainment is provided, and/or has as its primary source of revenue (a) the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, (b) cover charges, or (c) both. A lounge is defined as a business that operates primarily for the preparation, sale, and service of beer, wine, or spirits. Minors are not allowed in a lounge.

11. 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: September 28, 2022, at Los Angeles, California

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