

RESOLUTION NO. 2021\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE JANUARY 26, 2021 THIRTY-THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO PUBLIC ORDER (LIFTING OF REGIONAL STAY AT HOME ORDER AND RETURNING TO BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDER, WITH REVISIONS; EXTENSION OF LIMIT ON THIRD PARTY FOOD DELIVERY SERVICE FEES TO MARCH 31, 2021; EXTENSION OF 50% REDUCTION OF MONTHLY PARKING FEES IN CITY OWNED SURFACE PARKING LOTS AND PARKING STRUCTURES) ISSUED BY THE CITY MANAGER, AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, UNDER CITY OF CULVER CITY EMERGENCY AUTHORITY, DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS RESPIRATORY DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted by Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC) Section 3.09.020, on March 14, 2020, the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which was ratified by the City Council on March 18, 2020 by Resolution No. 2020-R015. Such action followed the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's and the Chair of the Board of Supervisor's declarations of a local health emergency and the State of California's declaration of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020, and the declaration of a National Emergency on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of February 15, 2021, Johns Hopkins University reported 109,136,051 confirmed COVID-19 cases globally and 2,407,041 deaths; 27,692,654 confirmed cases in the United States, with 486,316 deaths. In California, there have been 3,406,365 confirmed cases, with 47,043 deaths. Further, as of February 15, 2021, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) reported 1,168,358 cases in Los Angeles County with 19,095 deaths, which includes 2019 cases and 74 deaths in Culver City. As there is a rapid increase in cases and ongoing significant risk of infection throughout the United States and the State of California, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the California

1 Department of Public Health are recommending that counties and cities throughout the U.S.  
2 continue to actively address the COVID-19 pandemic and implement aggressive measures to  
3 prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

4 WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, under the authority of CCMC Section 3.09.020,  
5 the City Manager issued a Public Order enacting new City measures to protect members of the  
6 public and City workers from undue risk of COVID-19 ("March 16 Order"). The March 16 Order  
7 included, among other things, temporary restrictions on certain establishments throughout  
8 Culver City, in which large numbers of people tend to gather and remain in close proximity; and

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10 WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the City Manager issued a First Supplement to  
11 Public Order enacting further City measures to protect members of the public and City workers  
12 from undue risk of COVID-19 ("March 20 Order"). The March 20 Order was enacted after the  
13 City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a similar  
14 public order. The March 20 Order issued, and incorporated by reference, any and all orders set  
15 forth in *Public Order Under City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority, Subject: SAFER AT*  
16 *HOME*, issued by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti on March 19, 2020; and

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18 WHEREAS, since the March 19 *SAFER AT HOME* Order, Los Angeles Mayor  
19 Garcetti issued revised *SAFER AT HOME* Orders on April 1, April 10, and April 27, 2020. In  
20 step with the City of Los Angeles, on April 7, 2020, April 11, 2020, and May 1, 2020  
21 respectively, the City Manager issued a Fourth Supplement to Public Order (incorporating the  
22 April 1 *SAFER AT HOME* Order), a Seventh Supplement to Public Order (incorporating the  
23 April 10 *SAFER AT HOME* Order), and a Ninth Supplement to Public Order (incorporating the  
24 April 27 *SAFER AT HOME* Order); and

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26 WHEREAS, beginning in May 2020, the City Manager issued supplemental public  
27 orders consistent with the Los Angeles County Roadmap to Recovery orders, including:  
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- *Tenth Supplement to Public Order on May 7, 2020* (safe reopening of limited businesses with strict physical distancing and infection control protocols in place; additional curbside pick-up);
- *Eleventh Supplement to Public Order on May 14, 2020* (extension of previous orders; safe reopening of additional businesses with curbside pick-up; extension of relaxation of parking and signage restrictions; extension of outdoor dining and valet parking fee waivers);
- *Thirteenth Supplement to Public Order on May 20, 2020* (conditional reopening of pet grooming, pet training and car washes);
- *Fourteenth Supplement to Public Order on May 22, 2020* (additional curbside pick-up for lower risk retailers located in interior of indoor mall or shopping center; vehicle-based parades permitted);
- *Fifteenth Supplement to Public Order on May 27, 2020* (phased safe reopening of lower risk businesses at 50% capacity, non-essential office-based businesses, and faith based in-person services at the lower of 25% capacity or 100 persons; reopening of pools/hot tubs in multi-unit residence; further extension of outdoor dining and valet parking fee waivers);
- *Sixteenth Supplement to Public Order on June 1, 2020* (safe reopening of additional businesses, subject to restrictions, including hair salons and barber shops, and in-person dining at 60% capacity; allowing restaurants and retailers to temporarily expand into public right-of-way, subject to approval of the Public Works Director/City Engineer);
- *Seventeenth Supplement to Public Order on June 10, 2020* (suspend or modify certain provisions of the Zoning Code to provide relief from parking requirements for outdoor dining areas; provide reduced parking requirements for new restaurant uses; create an expedited process for establishing outdoor dining and retail areas in private parking lots; allow takeaway alcohol services; and temporarily suspend legal non-conforming use provisions);
- *Eighteenth Supplement to Public Order on June 12, 2020* (permitting reopening in compliance with all County protocols of music, television and film production; day camps, gyms and fitness establishments; museums, galleries, botanical gardens, zoos, and aquariums; professional sports leagues and facilities opening for training sessions and spectator-free events; campgrounds and RV parks; hotels, lodging, and short-term rentals; public swimming pools; visiting a physician or child's pediatrician for routine care and wellness visit; outdoor and indoor photography; and in-person behavioral health or substance use disorder support in therapeutic small groups meetings);
- *Nineteenth Supplement to Public Order on June 19, 2020* to allow for personal care establishments, bars, wineries and tasting rooms, to reopen, as well as clarify that there was no attendee limit on outdoor faith-based services and outdoor protests. The Order reiterated the higher risk businesses that were required to remain closed; and

WHEREAS, due to increases in the daily reported COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and the testing positivity rates, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer

1 issued revised orders on June 28, 2020 and July 1, 2020, in alignment with the California  
2 Governor's announcements requiring the closure of specific activities and business sectors,  
3 including but not limited to bars, breweries, tasting rooms, distilleries that possess a low risk  
4 public health restaurant permit, indoor restaurant dining, cardrooms, satellite wagering facilities,  
5 and indoor portions of museums, zoos and aquariums, in effect superseding certain previous  
6 orders, including those in Culver City that were more lenient than the new restrictions, to  
7 address the serious regression of COVID-19 indicators within Los Angeles County; and  
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9 WHEREAS, on July 7, 2020, to align with the County of Los Angeles, the City  
10 Manager issued the Twentieth Supplement to Public Order, to reiterate which higher risk  
11 businesses, recreational sites, and commercial properties must be closed under the County of  
12 Los Angeles recent Public Health orders; additionally, to acknowledge the financial hardship  
13 experienced by hotels and motels in the City, the July 7 Order waived penalties and interest  
14 due to the City on any past due transit occupancy taxes ("TOT"), provided the payment of all  
15 outstanding TOT is remitted to the City within 30 days, and further providing that for those  
16 operators who have already paid their past due TOT, all outstanding penalties and interest  
17 accrued between March 1, 2020 and July 7, 2020 were waived; and  
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19 WHEREAS, beginning in late July 2020, to support the safe operations and  
20 recovery of the City's business sectors and educational activities within the City during COVID-  
21 19, and consistent with the State Orders and guidance as well as County Orders and protocols,  
22 the City Manager issued the following supplemental public orders:  
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- 24 • *Twenty-First Supplement to Public Order on July 21, 2020* (allowing the safe  
25 outdoor operation of gyms, fitness centers and personal care services,  
26 pursuant to a Temporary Use Permit, provided all operations were in  
27 compliance with State, County, and local protocols);
- 28 • *Twenty-Third Supplement to Public Order on August 13, 2020* (allowing gyms  
and fitness establishments to temporarily use Culver City parks facilities,  
subject to obtaining a temporary park use permit);

- 1 • *Twenty-Fourth Supplement to Public Order on August 21, 2020* (allowing  
2 youth sports programs to resume, and to address the expanded use of outdoor  
3 park spaces for therapeutic small group meetings and in-person faith-based  
4 services, subject to a park permit and following the applicable County of Los  
5 Angeles protocols);
- 6 • *Twenty-Fifth Supplement to Public Order on September 3, 2020* (allowing the  
7 safe indoor operation of hair salons and barbershops, at 25% of maximum  
8 occupancy, in compliance with the applicable County protocols; and further  
9 allowing K-12 schools to offer in-school services as of September 14, 2020, for  
10 students with individualized Education Programs or English Learners needing  
11 assessments and/or specialized in-school services, with priority given to  
12 students with disabilities, limited to 10% or less of the total student body);
- 13 • *Twenty-Seventh Supplement to Public Order on October 2, 2020* (safe  
14 reopening of nail salons for limited indoor services at 25% capacity, cardrooms  
15 for outdoor operations only, indoor shopping malls at 25% capacity, and  
16 outdoor playgrounds; the requirement for businesses to post Community  
17 Workforce Resources poster; the continued waiver of outdoor dining and valet  
18 parking license fees through December 31, 2020; and permitting of outdoor  
19 operation of certain personal care establishments in the public right-of-way);  
20 and
- 21 • *Twenty-Eighth Supplement to Public Order on October 16, 2020* (private  
22 outdoor gatherings of persons from no more than three households, subject to  
23 public health protocols; provided further definition of “household” and “private  
24 gathering;” and established various requirements for such gatherings,  
25 including, but not limited to, requirements relating to attendance, location,  
26 duration, and physical distancing and hand hygiene).
- 27 • *Twenty-Ninth Supplement to Public Order on October 30, 2020* (modified  
28 indoor operation of personal care establishments; clarified the closure of food  
court dining areas in indoor malls and shopping centers; allowed the  
conditional outdoor operation of miniature golf, batting cages, and go cart  
racing; increased the percentage of students permitted on K-12 Campus with  
IEPs and EIs and to 25%; allowed the conditional opening of wineries and  
breweries for outdoor dining operations; and put a limit on the delivery fees, as  
well as other fees, commissions and costs that third party food delivery service  
providers may charge retail food establishments).
- *Thirty-First Supplement to Public Order issued on November 23, 2020.* The  
November 23 Order addresses the Los Angeles County Surge Response  
orders and directives issued by Los Angeles County Public Health on  
November 19 and November 22. This Order also extended the outdoor dining  
license fee waiver and the valet parking license fee waiver to March 31, 2021.
- *Thirty-Second Supplement to Public Order issued on November 30, 2020.*  
The November 30 Order addresses the Los Angeles County Public Health  
Officer’s Temporary Targeted Safer at Home: Tier 1 Substantial Surge  
Response Order (“Temporary Surge Response Order”) issued November 28,  
2020 and effective November 30, 2020 through December 20, 2020. The  
Temporary Surge Response Order was issued as a response to the recent  
substantial rise in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. The

1 Temporary Surge Response Order was issued to ensure that County residents  
2 remain in their residences as much as practicable, and to limit close contact  
3 with others outside of their household in both indoor and outdoor spaces, to  
4 further reduce the risk of community transmission of COVID-19. This Order  
5 prohibits gatherings except for church services and protests, limits occupancy  
6 for permitted activities and businesses, and closes non-essential businesses  
7 and activities. This order supersedes any previous order where there is a  
8 conflict between the Orders.

9 WHEREAS, the Public Orders listed hereinabove issued by the City Manager  
10 have been confirmed by the City Council; and

11 WHEREAS, on December 6, 2020, due to the sustained and substantial rise in  
12 COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, the County of Los Angeles issued a Revised  
13 Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Health Officer Order, which temporarily superseded all  
14 other Orders, including all orders issued by Culver City that were in conflict. The County Order  
15 was issued in response to the total available adult ICU bed capacity falling below 15% in the  
16 Southern California region of 11 counties, which includes Los Angeles County, as mandated by  
17 the State of California; and

18 WHEREAS, to align with State of California Orders and Directives issued  
19 throughout December 2020, the County of Los Angeles issued additional Temporary Tier 1  
20 Substantial Surge Response Orders through December 30, 2020, to address the lack of  
21 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in the Southern California Region, and the alarming surge in  
22 COVID-19 positive cases, hospitalizations, and deaths; and

23 WHEREAS, as a further response to the sustained and substantial rise in COVID-  
24 19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, on December 30, 2020, the County of Los Angeles  
25 Health Officer issued an Updated Tier 1 Substantial Surge Response Order, which continued to  
26 supersede any Culver City Orders that were in conflict, and was to remain in effect as long as  
27 the State of California Regional Stay at Home Order was in effect; and  
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1 WHEREAS, on January 25, 2021, the State of California lifted the Regional Stay  
2 at Home Order, and in turn, the County of Los Angeles lifted its Temporary Surge Response  
3 Orders and returned to its November 25, 2020 Blueprint for a Safer Economy-Tier 1 Surge  
4 Response Order, with modifications, and issued the County January 25 Order; and

5 WHEREAS, on January 26, 2021, the City Manager, in his capacity as Director of  
6 Emergency Services, issued the Thirty-Third Supplement to Public Order (January 26 Order).  
7 The January 26 Order aligns the City with the County's January 25<sup>th</sup> Order, and also with any  
8 subsequent County of Los Angeles Order, unless the City Manager issues a new City Order  
9 with restrictions that are specific to Culver City; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the January 26 Order also extended the City's limitations on Third  
12 Party Food Delivery Service fees, to March 31, 2021, and extended the previously established  
13 50% reduction in monthly parking fees for City-owned surface parking lots and parking facilities,  
14 with administrative authority to further extend conveyed to the Communication Development  
15 Director, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and the City Manager.  
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17 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, DOES  
18 HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

19 1. Pursuant to CCMC Section 3.09.020.B.1.h(2), the City Council hereby  
20 confirms the Thirty-Third Supplement to Public Order issued by the City Manager, in his  
21 capacity as Director of Emergency Services, on January 26, 2021, attached hereto as  
22 Exhibit A and incorporated herein as though fully set forth.  
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24 2. The City Council finds that this Resolution is not subject to the California  
25 Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA guidelines, California Code of  
26 Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, §15060(c)(2) [the activity will not result in a direct or  
27 reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment] and §15060(c)(3)  
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1 [the activity is not a project as defined in §15378] because it has no potential for  
2 resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

3 3. This Resolution shall take effective immediately upon its adoption.

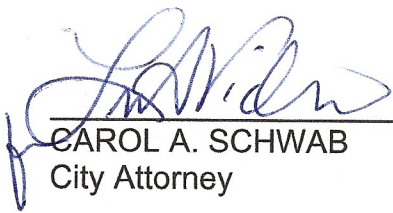
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5 APPROVED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.  
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9 ALEX FISCH, MAYOR  
City of Culver City, California

10 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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14 JEREMY GREEN  
City Clerk

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**Thirty-Third Supplement to Public Order Under  
City of Culver City Emergency Authority**

**Issue Date: January 26, 2021**

**Subject: Lifting of Regional Stay at Home Order and Returning to Blueprint for a Safer Economy County Health Officer Order, with Revisions; Extension of Limit on Third Party Food Delivery Service Fees to March 31, 2021; Extension of 50% Reduction of Monthly Parking Fees in City Owned Surface Parking Lots and Parking Structures.**

This Thirty-Third Supplement to Public Order aligns the City of Culver City (City) with the County of Los Angeles January 25, 2021 Public Health Officer Order (County January 25 Order), which reinstated and revised the Blueprint for a Safer Economy-Tier 1 Surge Response Order issued on November 25, 2020. The County January 25 Order was issued in response to the State of California lifting the State's Regional Stay at Home Orders and returning the counties to a color-coded tier system. After a post-holiday surge, there has been a recent decline of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and testing positivity rates.

This order also extends the limitations established on October 30, 2020 pertaining to Third Party Food Delivery Service Fees in the City, to March 31, 2021. Monthly parking fees in the City-owned surface parking lots and parking structures will also continue at the previous administratively established 50% reduction for those patrons who contract with the City for parking access on a monthly basis.

***Background on State, County and City Public Orders***

On March 14, 2020, the City Manager, as Director of Emergency Services, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency, due to the outbreak and spread of the Coronavirus Respiratory Disease (COVID-19), which was ratified by the City Council on March 18, 2020 by Resolution No. 2020-R015. Beginning on March 16, 2020, the City Manager issued a number of public orders, closing many businesses and significantly restricting the operations of others, consistent with various supplemental orders that were issued by the State of California and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, as well as a number of neighboring communities.

In May 2020, the County of Los Angeles announced its Roadmap to Recovery, A Phased Approach to Reopening Safely, which allowed certain businesses and activities to slowly reopen and resume, subject to strict public health protocols. Although this phased reopening allowed some businesses to open and some activities to resume, many other businesses remained closed and activities were not permitted.

In late June and early July 2020, due to increases in the daily reported COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and the testing positivity rates, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer issued revised orders, in alignment with the California Governor's announcements, requiring the closure of specific activities and business sectors, superseding previous orders (which had allowed many businesses to reopen), to address the serious regression of COVID-19 indicators within Los Angeles County. Such closures of certain higher risk businesses, recreational sites, commercial properties, and activities, where more frequent and prolonged person-to-person contacts are likely to occur, superseded any previous openings permitted in Culver City.

The State of California issued a Limited Stay at Home Order ("Stay at Home Order") on November 19, 2020 for all counties under Tier One of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, including Los Angeles County, and strengthened that Order with December 3, 2020 and December 6, 2020 Regional Stay at Home Orders. To align with State Orders and Directives issued throughout December 2020, the County of Los Angeles issued additional Temporary Tier 1 Substantial Surge Response Orders through December 30, 2020, to address the lack of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in the Southern California Region, and the alarming surge in COVID-19 positive cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

On January 25, 2021, Governor Newsome announced that the State of California was lifting the Regional Stay at Home Order. In turn, the County of Los Angeles lifted its Temporary Surge Response Orders and returned to its November 25, 2020 Blueprint for a Safer Economy-Tier 1 Surge Response Order, with modifications, and issued the County January 25 Order.

***Blueprint for a Safer Economy-January 25, 2021***

To align with the County of Los Angeles Public Health Officer's January 25, 2021 Order, and to support the safe reopening of businesses and safe participation in recreational activities within the City, by virtue of authority vested in me as the Director of Emergency Services, pursuant to the provisions of CCMC Section 3.09.020.B.1.h(2), to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of persons, property and the environment as affected by such emergency, I hereby order:

- 1. The City of Culver City will align with the County of Los Angeles January 25, 2021 Order effective immediately and will automatically align with any subsequent County of Los Angeles Public Health Order or Directive, unless a new City Order is issued with Culver City specific restrictions or requirements.*** Current Public Orders specific to Culver City, including all unexpired Orders pertaining to the City's eviction moratoria, the temporary waiver of outdoor dining and valet parking fees, the temporary limitations on third-party food delivery services fees, which are addressed further hereinbelow, the temporary relaxation of parking restrictions and parking enforcement, signage and sandwich board provisions, and temporary use permits for outdoor operations of businesses and outdoor recreational activities, shall remain in effect, unless otherwise stated in this or a future Public Order.

**2. *Summary of Permitted Activities under the Blueprint for a Safer Economy Permitted Reopenings and Activities Effective Immediately; County of Los Angeles January 25, 2021 Order is attached hereto and incorporated by reference:***

- Private gatherings outdoors up to 3 households and up to a total of 15 people;
- Museums, zoos, aquariums outdoor operations at 50% occupancy;
- Cardrooms outdoor operations at 50% occupancy;
- Miniature golf, go karts, batting cages outdoor operations at 50% occupancy;
- Outdoor recreational activities are open;
- Hotels & motels for tourism and individual travel allowed;
- Fitness facilities open for outdoor operations;
- Personal care services open indoors at 25% capacity;
- Indoor mall, shopping center, lower-risk retail open at 25% indoor capacity; food courts and common areas remain closed.
- All permitted activities and operations shall strictly follow all applicable County protocols for each sector.

**3. *The following restrictions remain in effect until January 29, 2021, or until the County of Los Angeles issues a Public Health Order governing or lifting these restrictions. As set forth in Section 1 above, any new County Order shall be effective in Culver City as of the date of issuance.***

- Restaurants, wineries, and breweries remain open for pick-up, delivery, and take-out only.
- Non-essential businesses must be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

**4. *Third Party Food Delivery Service Fees.*** The limitations established on October 30, 2020 pertaining to Third Party Food Delivery Service Fees in the City are extended to March 31, 2021. All provisions of the October 30, 2020 Order pertaining to Third Party Food Delivery Service Fees remain in effect.

**5. *Monthly parking fees in City-owned surface parking lots and parking structures remain at a 50% reduction.*** The previous administrative 50% reduction in monthly parking fees for City-owned surface parking lots and parking structures are continued through March 31, 2021, for those patrons who contract

with the City for parking access on a monthly basis. The 50% reduction may be extended on a month-to-month basis administratively by the Community Development Director, in consultation with the City Manager and the City Chief Financial Officer.

**6. *Face coverings continue to be required at all times while out in public, covering the nose and mouth when in or likely to be in contact with others.***

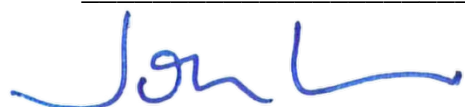
**7.** Additional social distancing, infection control, and health and safety measures and guidelines may be imposed at any time, in my sole discretion, in order to ensure the protection of the public's health and safety, and the intent of each and every Public Order is carried out.

**8.** This Thirty-Third Supplement to Public Order supersedes any provision in a previous Order where there is a conflict between the Orders; otherwise all Stay at Home orders remain in place. Except as specifically provided in this Public Order, or existing County reopening protocols, all other public and private gatherings continue to be prohibited.

Any violation of this Thirty-Third Supplement to Public Order may be enforced under the Culver City Municipal Code, which provides for fines not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed six months. Each individual officer and City official should use their discretion in enforcing this order and always keep the intent of the order in mind.

Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Thirty-Third Supplement to Public Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until superseded, amended, modified, rescinded, or expired by its terms.

Date: 1/26/2021



John M. Nachbar, City Manager  
Director of Emergency Services  
City of Culver City

**REOPENING SAFER AT WORK AND IN THE COMMUNITY  
FOR CONTROL OF COVID-19**  
**BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY—TIER 1 SURGE RESPONSE**

Revised Order Issued: **January 25, 2021**

**Effective as of January 25, 2021**

**Recent Update**

**1/25/2021**- Updated to do the following:

- Reinstates the November 25, 2020, County Health Officer Order with additional updates that are unrelated to the County's Temporary Regional Stay at Home Order. This Order is being reinstated after the California Department of Public Health lifted the November 19, 2020 edition of the State's Regional Stay at Home Order on January 25, 2021.

**Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code §120295; Los Angeles County Code § 11.02.080.)**

**SUMMARY OF THE ORDER:** This Revised County of Los Angeles Health Officer Order (Order) supersedes all prior Safer At Home orders (Prior Orders) issued by the County of Los Angeles Health Officer (Health Officer). This Order is issued to comply with State Executive Orders N-33-20 and N-60-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, and the accompanying orders of the State Public Health Officer issued on March 19, May 7, July 13, July 17, 2020, and August 28, 2020.

This Order's intent is to continue to ensure that County of Los Angeles (County) residents remain in their residences as much as practicable, to limit close contact with others outside their household in both indoor and outdoor spaces. All persons who can telework or work from home should continue to do so as much as possible during this pandemic. This Order allows persons to engage in all permitted activities, as defined by the Order, but requires that persons practice Social (Physical) Distancing, at all times while out in public and wear a cloth face covering over both the nose and mouth when in or likely to be in contact with others, to lower the risks of disease transmission through person-to-person contact for themselves and others.

This Order is issued to account for the recent decline of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and testing positivity rates in the County. This Order will be revised in the future to reflect the State Executive Orders and State Public Health Officer Orders and guidance that progressively designate sectors, businesses, establishments, or activities that may reopen with certain modifications, based on health and safety needs and at a pace designed to protect health and safety, and that may also progressively close specific activities and business sectors based on increases in daily reported COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and the testing positivity rates. Should local COVID-19 conditions warrant, the Health Officer may, after consultation with the Board of Supervisors, issue Orders that are more restrictive than those of the State Public Health Officer. **Changes from the previous Order are highlighted.**

This Order is effective within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction, defined as all cities and unincorporated areas within the County of Los Angeles, with the exception of the cities of Long Beach and Pasadena that must follow their respective City Health Officer orders and guidance. This Order is effective immediately and will continue until further notice.

**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND  
SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175,  
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:**

1. This Order **is reinstated and** supersedes the Health Officer's Prior Orders. This Order mainly aligns the County with both the Governor's July 13, 2020, announcement requiring the closure of specific activities and business sectors and the State's August 28, 2020 issuance of a Blueprint for a Safer Economy, which describes a tiered approach to relaxing and tightening restrictions on activities based upon specified criteria and as permitted by this Order based on County health conditions and circumstances. The Health Officer will continue to assess the phased reopening allowed by the State Public Health Officer and this Order on an ongoing basis and determine, after consultation with the Board of Supervisors, whether this Order needs to be modified if the public health risk associated with COVID-19 increases in the future.
2. This Order's intent is to continue to ensure that County residents remain in their residences as much as practicable, to limit close contact with others outside their household in both indoor and outdoor spaces. All persons who can telework or work from home should continue to do so as much as possible during this pandemic. Sustained Social (Physical) Distancing and infection control measures will continue slowing the spread of COVID-19 and diminishing its impact on the delivery of critical healthcare services. All provisions of this Order must be interpreted to effectuate that intent. Failure to comply with any of the Order's provisions constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, and a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.
  - a) This Order does not supersede any stricter limitation imposed by a local public entity within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction.
  - b) The Order is consistent with the provisions in the Governor's Executive Order N-60-20 and the State Public Health Officer's August 28, 2020 Order, that local health jurisdictions may implement or continue more restrictive public health measures if the jurisdiction's Local Health Officer determines that health conditions in that jurisdiction warrant such measures. Where a conflict exists between this Order and any State public health order related to controlling the spread of COVID-19 during this pandemic, the most restrictive provision controls, unless the County of Los Angeles is subject to a court order requiring it to act on, or enjoining it from enforcing, any part of this Order.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For example, see *Burfitt v. Newsom*, No. BCV-20-102267 (Kern County Sup. Ct. Dec. 10, 2020). Further this Order is issued in and for the County of Los Angeles only, and has no jurisdiction over and does not affect the State Public Health orders.

3. All persons living within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction should remain in their residences whenever practicable.
- a) Nothing in this Order prohibits persons living together as a single household in a household or living unit (“household”) from engaging in permitted activities together. 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.<sup>2</sup> Private gatherings are defined as social situations that bring together people from different “households” at the same time in a single space or place. When people from different “households” mix, the risk of COVID-19 transmission increases. Private gatherings of people who are *not* part of a single household or living unit must comply with the following requirements:
- i. *Attendance. Keep the attendance small and households should remain stable over time.* 1) Private gatherings that include more than three different “households” are prohibited. This includes everyone present, including hosts and guests. Private gatherings of persons from three different “households” or less are limited to a maximum of 15 people. The smaller the number of people, the lower the risk. 2) Keep the up to 3 “households” that choose to privately gather or interact together constant or stable over time. Participating in multiple gatherings with different “households” and communities poses a higher risk of transmission and spread of COVID-19 if one or more attendees is/are discovered to be infected with the virus. 3) Persons from the “households” who do choose to privately gather together should discuss and agree upon the specific group rules for reducing the risk of exposure among the attendees at the private gathering before convening together. 4) The host “household” of the private gathering should collect names of all attendees and contact information in case contact tracing is needed later.
- ii. *Outdoors only.* 1) All private gatherings must be held outside; they are permitted in a public park or other outdoor space. Unlike indoor spaces, wind and air in outdoor spaces can help reduce the risk of spread of the virus from one person to another. Attendees may go inside to use restrooms as long as the restrooms are frequently sanitized. 2) Private gatherings may occur in outdoor spaces that are covered by umbrellas, canopies, awnings, roofs, and other shade structures provided that at least three sides of the space (or 75%) are open to the outdoors. 3) Multiple private gatherings of three “households” may not be jointly organized or coordinated to occur in the same public park or other

<sup>2</sup> Los Angeles County Code, Title 22. §22.14.060 - F. Family definition. (Ord. 2019-0004 § 1, 2019.)  
[https://library.municode.com/ca/los\\_angeles\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT22PLZO\\_DIV2DE\\_CH22.14DE\\_22.14.060F](https://library.municode.com/ca/los_angeles_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT22PLZO_DIV2DE_CH22.14DE_22.14.060F)



- outdoor space at the same time – this would constitute a private gathering exceeding the permitted size. 4) Mixing between unrelated private gatherings in the same public space or other outdoor space at the same time is not allowed.
- iii. *Keep it short.* Private gatherings should be limited to two hours or less in duration. The longer the duration, the risk of transmission increases.
  - iv. *Physical distancing and hand hygiene.* 1) All attendees must follow the Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol requirements of Paragraph 19 of this Order. 2) The outdoor space must be large enough so that everyone at the private gathering can maintain at least a 6-foot physical distance from others (not including their own “household”) at all times. 3) A place to wash hands or hand sanitizer must be available for participants to use. 4) Shared items may not be used during a private gathering. As much as possible, any food or beverages at outdoor gatherings must be in single-serve disposable containers. If providing single-serve containers is not possible, food and beverages must be served by an attendee who washes or sanitizes their hands frequently and wears a face covering over their nose and mouth. Self-serve items from communal containers may not be used.
  - v. *Singing, Chanting, and Shouting at Outdoor Gatherings.* Singing, chanting, shouting, and physical exertion significantly increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission because these activities increase the release of respiratory droplets into the air. Because of this, singing, chanting, and shouting are strongly discouraged. If they occur and to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets, all attendees who are singing or chanting 1) must wear a face covering at all times while singing or chanting, including anyone who is leading a song or chant, and 2) must maintain at least 8-10 feet of physical distance from others. 3) Instrumental music is allowed as long as the musicians maintain at least 8-foot physical distancing. Musicians must be from only one of the three “households”. Playing of wind instruments (any instrument played by the mouth, such as a trumpet or clarinet) is strongly discouraged.
  - vi. Anyone who develops COVID-19 within 48 hours after attending a private gathering should notify the other attendees as soon as possible regarding the potential exposure. If you have not been contacted by Public Health within a week of your diagnosis, please call and report your case at 833-540-0473.
- b) People leaving their residences must strictly comply with the Social (Physical) Distancing requirements stated in this Order and specified in guidance or protocols established by the County Department of Public Health. This Order, beginning June 19, 2020, requires all persons wear a cloth face covering over both the nose and mouth whenever they leave their place of residence and are or can be in contact with or walking near or past others who are non-household members in both public and private places, whether indoors or outdoors. This includes wearing a cloth face covering when patronizing a business. Wearing a cloth face covering reduces the risk of transmission to others from people who do



not have symptoms and do not know they are infected. The use of face coverings is commonly referred to as “source control.”

- c) 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 County Department of Public Health. In instances where the County has not provided a specific guidance or protocol, specific guidance or protocols established by the State Public Health Officer shall control.
    - i. 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 within a span of 14 days, the employer must report this outbreak to the Department of Public Health at (888) 397-3993 or (213) 240-7821, or online at [www.redcap.link/covidreport](http://www.redcap.link/covidreport).
    - ii. In the event that an owner, manager, or operator of any business is informed that one or more employees 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 require the immediate self-quarantine of all employees that had a workplace exposure to the case(s).
  - d) Pursuant to the State of California’s action<sup>3</sup> and the United States District Court Central District of California’s order,<sup>4</sup> jurisdictions within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction are expected to comply with the provision of hotel and motel rooms for vulnerable people experiencing homelessness through Project Roomkey, which slows the spread of COVID-19 and retains capacity of the healthcare system.
4. All people residing within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction who are age 65 or older and all people of any age who have active or unstable pre-existing health conditions, should remain in their residences as much as possible during the pandemic. People in these categories should leave their residences only when necessary to seek medical care, exercise or obtain food or other necessities. People in these categories should avoid any gatherings. The Health Officer strongly recommends that all employers offer telework or other accommodations to persons who are age 65 or older and all people of any age who have an active or unstable pre-existing health condition(s).
5. All government agencies working in the course and scope of their public service employment are Essential Government Functions.
- a) All government employees are essential, including but not limited to, health care providers and emergency responders including employees who serve in the following areas: law enforcement; emergency services and management; first responders; fire; search and rescue; juvenile detention; corrections; healthcare

<sup>3</sup> Office of Governor Gavin Newsom, Action re: Project Roomkey, 4/3/2020, <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/04/03/at-newly-converted-motel-governor-newsom-launches-project-roomkey-a-first-in-the-nation-initiative-to-secure-hotel-motel-rooms-to-protect-homeless-individuals-from-covid-19/>; 2020-21 May Revision to the Governor’s Budget, Project Roomkey, pg. 78-79

<sup>4</sup> Order re: Preliminary Injunction (Case No. LA CV 20-02291-DOC-KES), LA Alliance for Human Rights et al v. City of Los Angeles et al, States District Court Central District of California, 5/15/2020.

- services and operations; public health; laboratory or medical testing; mental health; community health; public works; executive management employees serving in these fields; all employees assigned to serve in or support the foregoing fields; and all employees whose services are otherwise needed to assist in a declared emergency.
- b) While all government employees are essential, the employees identified here, and others called to serve in their Disaster Service Worker capacity, must be available to serve the public or assist in response or continuity of operations efforts during this health crisis to the maximum extent allowed under the law.
  - c) This Order does not, in any way, restrict (a) first responder access to the site(s) named in this Order during an emergency or (b) local, state or federal officers, investigators, or medical or law enforcement personnel from carrying out their lawful duties at the site(s) named in this Order.
  - d) All persons who perform Essential Governmental Functions are categorically exempt from this Order while performing such governmental functions or services. Each governmental entity shall identify and designate appropriate employees, volunteers, or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions. All Essential Governmental Functions should be performed in compliance with Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol, to the extent possible.
6. This Order does not supersede any stricter limitation imposed by a local public entity within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction.
7. The Health Officer orders the closure of the following types of higher-risk businesses, recreational sites, commercial properties, and activities, where more frequent and prolonged person-to-person contacts are likely to occur:
- a) Lounges and nightclubs;
  - b) Bars and craft distilleries that possess a valid low risk restaurant public health permit issued by the County of Los Angeles.
  - c) [Intentionally omitted];
  - d) Public entertainment venues: movie theaters, live performance theaters, concert venues, theme parks, and festivals;
  - e) Family entertainment centers for indoor operations only and other prohibited activities under **Appendix V**;
  - f) All restaurants, but only for indoor and outdoor in-person onsite dining until further notice;
  - g) Satellite wagering facilities, and racetrack onsite wagering facilities until further notice;
  - h) Indoor playgrounds;
  - i) Indoor portions and exhibits of museums, zoos and aquariums are closed to the public until further notice;
  - j) Hot tubs, steam rooms and saunas not located on a residential property;

- k) All events and gatherings, unless specifically allowed by this Order.
8. All Essential Businesses, unless specific modifications are required by this Order, may remain open to the public and conduct normal business operations, provided that they implement and maintain the Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol defined in Paragraph 20 and attached to this Order as **Appendix A**. Further, an essential business must also comply with the applicable Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocol(s) for its business sector. An Essential Business' owner, manager, or operator must prepare and post a Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol and any other applicable protocol for each facility or office located within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction and must ensure that the Essential Business meets all other requirements of all applicable protocols and the Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol.
9. Lower-Risk Businesses are businesses that are not specified in Paragraph 7 of this Order, and not defined as an Essential Business in Paragraph 18 of this Order. There are four categories of Lower-Risk Businesses that may reopen under this Order: (1) retailers ("Lower-Risk Retail Businesses"), (2) manufacturing and logistics sector businesses that supply Lower-Risk Retail Businesses, (3) Non-Essential office-based businesses (although telework is strongly encouraged), and (4) Indoor Malls and Shopping Centers.. These four categories of Lower-Risk Businesses may reopen subject to the following conditions:
- a) For any Lower-Risk Retail Business that sells goods and services, the owner, manager, or operator must, for each facility located within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction, prior to reopening, prepare, implement and post the Reopening Protocols for Retail Establishments: Opening for In Person Shopping, attached to this Order as **Appendix B**. Lower-Risk Retail Businesses that are open for indoor operations must limit indoor capacity to 25% of maximum occupancy. Lower-Risk Retail Businesses must close for indoor retail operations between the hours of 10:00 pm – 5:00 am PST but may remain open for delivery and curbside pick-up.
  - b) For any non-retail Lower-Risk Business, that is a manufacturing and logistics sector business that supplies Lower-Risk Retail Businesses, the owner, manager, or operator must, prior to reopening, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol, applicable to the business type or location, attached to this Order as **Appendix C**.
  - c) For any Non-Essential office-based business, all indoor portions and operations must cease in-person operations until further notice. Non-essential office-based businesses whose operations require employees to work from an office worksite, and that this Order does not identify as an Essential Business, Healthcare Operation, or Essential Infrastructure, may operate via telework and for Minimum Basic Operations only. Essential Businesses, Healthcare Operations, or Essential Infrastructure whose operations require that employees operate from an office worksite, must require employees to telework to the extent feasible and any in-person operations must be in accordance with the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol Office-Based Worksites,

attached to this Order as **Appendix D**. Essential office-based businesses that are open for indoor operations must limit indoor capacity to 25% of maximum occupancy. This restriction does not apply to Healthcare Operations, Essential Infrastructure, and Essential Government Functions.

- d) For Indoor Malls and Shopping Centers, defined as: A building with (7) or more sales or retail establishments with adjoining indoor space, beginning October, 7, 2020, the owner or operator of the Indoor Mall or Shopping Center, including indoor swap meets, may reopen at up to 25% of overall mall or shopping center capacity. Higher-risk businesses located within an Indoor Mall or Shopping Center must continue to comply with Paragraph 7 of this Order and remain closed until each of those types of establishments is allowed to resume modified or full operations. Food court dining areas and specified common areas located within an Indoor Mall or Shopping Center must remain closed to the public until further notice. Members of the public may not consume food or beverages inside the Indoor Mall or Shopping Center. All businesses located within an Indoor Mall or Shopping Center, and not subject to Paragraph 7 of this Order, must adhere to the applicable requirements of this Order. Indoor Malls and Shopping Centers must close for indoor retail operations between the hours of 10:00 pm–5:00 am, but retailers may remain open for delivery and curbside pick-up. The owner or operator of the Indoor Mall or Shopping Center must, prior to reopening, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocols for Shopping Center Operators, attached to this Order as **Appendix E**.

9.5. The State Public Health Officer has provided guidance for certain sectors, businesses and activities in Stage 3 of the California Pandemic Resilience Roadmap to conditionally reopen with workplace and operational modifications. The Health Officer, after considering local epidemiological data and after consultation with the Board of Supervisors, approves the reopening of the following specific sectors, businesses and activities subject to the following conditions:

- a) Music, film and television production. Operations for music, film and television production may resume on June 12, 2020. The owner, manager, or operator of music, film and television production must, prior to reopening, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Music, Film and Television Production, attached to this Order as **Appendix J**, as well as abide by applicable industry-generated protocols.
- b) Day camps. Day camps may reopen on June 12, 2020. Day camp owners and operators must implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Day Camps, attached to this Order as **Appendix K**. Day camps must close in-person operations between the hours of 10:00 pm – 5:00 am.
- c) Fitness facilities. Fitness facilities, including private gymnasiums, may be open for outdoor operations only. The indoor portions of Fitness facilities are closed to the public until further notice. The owner, manager, or operator of fitness facilities must, prior to reopening, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Gyms and Fitness

Establishments, attached to this Order as **Appendix L**. Fitness facilities must close in-person operations between the hours of 10:00 pm – 5:00 am.

- d) Outdoor portions of museums, galleries, botanical gardens, and outdoor facilities at zoos, aquariums, and other similar exhibition spaces (collectively, "Museums") may remain open to the public. The indoor portions of Museums are closed to the public until further notice. The owner, manager, or operator of Museums and exhibition spaces must, prior to reopening, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Museums, Galleries, Zoos, and Aquariums, attached to this Order as **Appendix M**. Museums must close in-person operations between the hours of 10:00 pm – 5:00 am.
- e) Professional sports without audiences. Professional sports teams and franchises may restart operations and competitions without audiences on June 12, 2020. The owner, manager, or operator of professional sports teams and franchises must, prior to reopening, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocol for Professional Sports Leagues and Facilities Opening for Training Sessions and Spectator-Free Events, attached to this Order as **Appendix N**, as well as abide by applicable industry-generated protocols.
- f) Campgrounds, RV Parks and associated outdoor activities. Campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks may reopen on June 12, 2020. The owner, manager, or operator of campgrounds and RV Parks must, prior to reopening, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Campgrounds, RV parks and Cabin Rental Units, attached to this Order as **Appendix O**.
- g) Schools (K-12) and School Districts. 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. Beginning 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 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 **Appendix T1: 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-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades 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 Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools and the Protocol



for COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan in K-12 Schools, attached to this Order as **Appendices T1 & T2**.

- h) Personal Care Establishments. 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 professionals, tattoo parlors, and piercing shops, tanning salons and massage therapy (in non-healthcare settings). Indoor capacity at Personal Care Establishments is limited to 25% of maximum capacity at all times. Services at Personal Care Establishments may only be provided by appointment. Customers and staff must keep their 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, attached to this Order as **Appendix R**. Personal Care Establishments must close in-person operations between 10:00 pm – 5:00 am.
- i) Institutes of Higher Education. 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 attached to this Order as **Appendix U**. Faculty and other staff may come to campus for the purpose of providing distance learning, and other activities related to the purposes 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, also noted in Appendix U.
- j) Cardrooms. On October 5, 2020, Cardrooms may reopen for outdoor operations only. The indoor portions of cardrooms remain closed to the public until further notice. Capacity of outdoor operations at cardrooms is limited to 50% maximum occupancy of the outdoor operations area. No food or beverages are permitted at or near the gaming tables or machines. The owner or operator of a cardroom must, prior to reopening, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Cardrooms attached to this Order as **Appendix Q**. Cardrooms must close in-person operations between 10:00 pm – 5:00 am.
- k) Miniature Golf, Batting Cages, and Go Cart Racing. On October 23, 2020, Miniature Golf, Batting Cages, and Go Cart Racing may reopen for outdoor operations only. The indoor portions of these businesses remain closed to the public until further notice. Capacity of outdoor operations at Miniature Golf, Batting Cages, and Go Cart Racing businesses is limited to 50% maximum occupancy of the outdoor operations area. Arcade and other amusement games may not be operated outside. Food and beverages may not be consumed during use of the miniature golf course, batting cages or go carts. The owner or operator of an

establishment that offers miniature golf, batting cages, and/or go cart racing must, prior to reopening, prepare, implement and post the required Los Angeles Public Health Protocols for Miniature Golf, Batting Cages, and Go Cart Racing attached to this Order as **Appendix V**. These establishments must close in-person operations between 10:00 pm – 5:00 am.

### **REASONS FOR THE ORDER**

10. This Order is based upon the following determinations: evidence of continued community transmission of COVID-19 within the County; continued uncertainty regarding the degree of undetected asymptomatic transmission; scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically; evidence that a significant portion of the County population is at risk for serious health complications, including hospitalizations and death from COVID-19, due to age or pre-existing health conditions; and further evidence that other County residents, including younger and otherwise healthy people, are also at risk for serious negative health outcomes and for transmitting the virus to others. The Order's intent is to protect the public from the avoidable risk of serious illness and death resulting from the spread of COVID-19.
11. Existing community transmission of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County remains widespread and continues to present a substantial and significant risk of harm to residents' health. There is still no vaccine available yet to protect against COVID-19, and no treatment for it. **As of January 25, 2021, there have been at least 1,079,396 cases of COVID-19 and 15,303 deaths reported in Los Angeles County.** There remains a strong likelihood that increased interactions among members of the public will result in a significant and increasing number of cases of community transmission. Making the community transmission problem worse, some individuals who contract the virus causing COVID-19 have no symptoms or have only mild symptoms, and so are unaware that they carry the virus and are transmitting it to others. Further, evidence shows that the virus can, at times, survive for several hours on surfaces and can be indirectly transmitted between individuals. Because even people without symptoms can transmit the virus, and because evidence shows the infection is easily spread, preventing, limiting, and placing conditions on various types of gatherings and other direct and indirect interpersonal interactions have been proven to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus.
12. Evidence suggests that until recently the restrictions and requirements imposed by Prior Orders slowed the rate of increase in community transmission and hospitalizations by limiting interactions among people, consistent with the efficacy of similar measures in other parts of the country and world. Unfortunately, the daily number of new cases is substantially increasing, and COVID-19 remains increasingly widespread in Los Angeles County. Moreover, because there is not yet a vaccine or ample therapeutic drugs, the public health emergency and attendant risks to the public's health by COVID-19 still predominate.

13. In line with the State Public Health Officer, the Health Officer is monitoring several key indicators (COVID-19 Indicators) within the County. Activities and business operations that are permitted must be conducted in accordance with the required Social (Physical) Distancing, reopening protocols, and other infection control protocols ordered by the Health Officer.
14. The Health Officer will continue monitoring COVID-19 Indicators to assess the impact of easing restrictions and re-opening sectors. Those Indicators include, but are not limited to:
- a) The number of new cases, hospitalizations and deaths and the testing positivity rate.
  - b) The capacity of hospitals and the healthcare system in the County, including acute care beds, Intensive Care Unit beds, and ventilators to provide care for existing COVID-19 patients and other patients, and capacity to surge with an increase of COVID-19 cases.
  - c) The supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) available for hospital staff, nursing home staff and other healthcare providers and personnel who need PPE to safely respond to and treat COVID-19 patients and other patients.
  - d) The ability and capacity to quickly and accurately test persons to determine whether individuals are COVID-19 positive, especially those in vulnerable populations or high-risk settings or occupations, and to identify and assess outbreaks.
  - e) The ability to conduct case investigation and contact tracing for the volume of future cases and associated contacts, isolating confirmed cases and quarantining persons who have had contact with confirmed cases.

## **DEFINITIONS AND EXEMPTIONS**

15. The following activities are permitted under this Order:
- a) Engaging in activities or performing tasks important to the health and safety of family or household members (including pets), such as, visiting a health or veterinary care professional, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a physician or child's pediatrician for routine care, such as, well-child visits and vaccinations;
  - b) Obtaining necessary services and supplies for family or household members, or delivering the same, such as, obtaining grocery items or necessary supplies from Essential Businesses for one's household or for delivery to others;
  - c) Performing work for or accessing businesses that are open, or to carry out Minimum Basic Operations for businesses that are closed or operating remotely.
  - d) Obtaining or accessing services from Essential Governmental Functions, such as, accessing court, social and administrative services, or complying with an order of law enforcement or court;
  - e) Caring for minors, the elderly, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;



- f) Obtaining in-person behavioral health or substance use disorder support in therapeutic small group meetings, such as Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, provided that the gathering is limited to 10 people or fewer and Social (Physical) Distancing is practiced.
- g) Obtaining in-person faith-based counselling services where the service cannot reasonably be practiced remotely, provided that the gathering is limited to 10 people or fewer and Social (Physical) Distancing is practiced.
- h) Attending faith-based services. Places of Worship should engage in outdoor or remote faith-based services and other related activities for all attendees, especially for those who are vulnerable to COVID-19 including older adults and those with co-morbidities given the currently high rate of community transmission and high number of hospitalizations and premature deaths associated with COVID-19. If drive-in outdoor services are offered, cars are directed to park at least 6 feet apart. When carrying out virtual activities indoors, it is recommended that no more than 10 individuals participate in production and broadcast process; anyone participating in production and broadcast must follow infection control and physical distancing requirements. The number of persons on site (indoors or outdoors) at any time shall be reduced as needed to permit compliance with physical distancing and infection control requirements, as specified in the Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol (**Appendix A**), including but not limited to Places of Worship staff and attendees at any faith-based services maintaining a minimum of six feet between attendees from different households and that all attendees must wear a face covering or mask over both the nose and mouth at all times while in attendance and when walking near or past non-household members, among others. If drive-in outdoor services are offered, cars are directed to park at least 6 feet apart. The California Department of Public Health advises that “activities such as singing, and chanting negate the risk-reduction achieved through six feet of physical distancing” due to an increased likelihood for transmission from contaminated exhaled droplets. Consider practicing these activities through alternative methods (such as internet streaming) that ensure individual congregation members perform these activities separately in their own homes or alone in a separate room at the Place of Worship. Please review the State Industry Guidance for Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies [here](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends organizations consider temporarily suspending singing, chanting, or shouting, especially when indoors. If attendees choose to sing, chant, or shout, encourage them to continue wearing their masks while doing so and increase the distance between people to greater than 6 feet. Faith-based organizations holding in-person services, must follow the Department of Public Social Distancing Protocols, attached to this Order as **Appendix A**.
- i) Engaging in outdoor recreation activity, in compliance with Social (Physical) Distancing requirements and wearing a face covering, subject to the following limitations:
  - i. Outdoor recreation activity at parks, trails, piers, and beaches, and other open spaces must comply with any access or use restrictions separately

established by the Health Officer, government, or other entity that manages the area to reduce crowding and the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

- ii. Use of shared outdoor facilities for recreational activities, including but not limited to golf courses, tennis and pickleball courts, children's playgrounds, shooting and archery ranges, equestrian centers, model airplane areas, community gardens, skate parks, and bike parks, must comply with any access or use restrictions separately established by the Health Officer, government, or other entity that manages the area to reduce crowding and the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
  - iii. Local public entities may elect to temporarily close certain streets or areas to automobile traffic, to allow for increased space for persons to engage in recreational activity permitted by and in compliance with Social (Physical) Distancing requirements specified in this Order.
  - iv. Swimming pools and splash pads in any non-residential setting may reopen on June 12, 2020, with the owner, manager, or operator of the swimming pool or splash pad implementing and posting the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocol for Swimming Pools. All hot tubs, saunas, and steam rooms located on non-residential property remain closed.
  - v. For-hire fishing, guided fishing, or small-group chartered boat trips may resume operating on June 12, 2020, with the owner, manager, or operator of the charter business implementing the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocols for Small Water Vessel Charters.
  - j) Participating in a Vehicle-Based Parade. The host of the Vehicle-Based Parade must comply with all local ordinances, traffic control requirements, and state and local laws. Further, the host of Vehicle-Based Parades must comply with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Vehicle-Based Parade Protocol, attached to this Order as **Appendix G**. Vehicle-Based Parades may not occur during the hours of 10:00 pm – 5:00 am.
  - k) Participating in an in-person protest as long as the protest is held outdoors. Outdoor protests are permitted without a limit on attendees. Persons participating in a protest must wear a cloth face covering and maintain physical distancing of six (6) feet between persons or groups of persons from different households at all times, as well as observe the Department of Public Health Protocol for Public Demonstrations.
16. Individuals may work for, train for, volunteer at, or obtain services at Healthcare Operations: hospitals, clinics, laboratories, dentists, optometrists, pharmacies, physical therapists, rehabilitation and physical wellness programs, chiropractors, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other licensed healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare service providers, mental or behavioral health providers, alcohol and drug treatment providers, cannabis dispensaries with a medicinal cannabis license and all other required state and local licenses, blood and blood product donation organizations, medical or scientific research companies, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services, manufacturers, distributors and

servicers of medical devices, diagnostics, and equipment, veterinary care, and other animal healthcare. This exemption shall be construed to avoid any impact to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined.

17. Individuals may provide any service, train for, or perform any work necessary to the operation and maintenance of Essential Infrastructure, which is defined as, public health operations, public works construction, airport operations, port operations, food supply, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil extraction and refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection, removal and processing, flood control and watershed protection, cemeteries, mortuaries, crematoriums, and internet and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), and manufacturing and distribution companies deemed essential as part of the Essential Infrastructure supply chain, provided that they carry out those services or that work. In providing these services, training for, or performing this work, individuals must comply with Social (Physical) Distancing requirements to the extent practicable.

18. For purposes of this Order, Essential Businesses are:

- a) Grocery stores, certified farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, warehouse stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, pet supply, water, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning or personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and other non-grocery products, such as products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences. 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 Department 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, attached to this Order as **Appendix B-1**;
- b) Food processors, confectioners, food packagers, food testing labs that are not open to the public, and food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
- c) Organizations and businesses that provide food, shelter, social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals (including gang prevention and intervention, domestic violence, and homeless service agencies);
- d) Newspapers, television news, radio, magazine, podcast and journalism activities, including taped, digitally recorded or online-streamed content of any sort that is produced by one or more members of a single household, within the household's residence and without the physical presence of any non-member of the household;
- e) Gas stations, auto-supply, mobile auto repair operations, auto repair shops (including, without limitation, auto repair shops adjacent to or otherwise in

- connection with a retail or used auto dealership), and bicycle repair shops and related facilities;
- f) Banks, credit unions, financial institutions and insurance companies;
  - g) Hardware stores, nurseries; building supply stores;
  - h) Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, custodial/janitorial workers, handyman services, funeral homes and morticians, moving services, HVAC installers, carpenters, vegetation services, tree maintenance, landscapers, gardeners, property managers, private security personnel and other service providers who provide services to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation to properties and other Essential Businesses;
  - i) Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
  - j) Educational institutions (including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities);
  - k) Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers;
  - l) Restaurants and other food facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery, drive thru, and carry out. Indoor and outdoor dining is not permitted. Restaurants may continue to offer delivery, drive thru and carry out between the hours of 10:00 pm – 5:00 am. Restaurants with a moderate risk or high risk restaurant permit issued by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health and other food facilities must follow the revised Department of Public Health Protocols for Restaurants, attached to this Order as **Appendix I**. 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;
  - m) Businesses that supply office or computer products needed by people who work from home;
  - n) Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
  - o) Non-manufacturing, transportation or distribution businesses that ship, truck, transport, or provide logistical support to deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences, Essential Businesses, Healthcare Operations, and Essential Infrastructure. This exemption shall not be used as a basis for engaging in sales to the general public from retail storefronts;
  - p) Airlines, taxis, ride sharing services and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for activities of daily living and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;
  - q) Businesses that manufacture parts and provide necessary service for Essential Infrastructure;
  - r) Home-based care for seniors, adults, disabled persons, or children;
  - s) Residential facilities and shelters for homeless residents, disabled persons, seniors, adults, children and animals;

- t) Professional services, such as legal, payroll or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities, and the permitting, inspection, construction, transfer and recording of ownership of housing, including residential and commercial real estate and anything incidental thereto, provided that appointments and other residential viewings must only 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 (except that in-person visits are not allowed when the occupant is still residing in the residence);
  - u) Childcare facilities. All childcare facilities, including those operating at schools, must operate under the LAC DPH Childcare Guidance and the following conditions: (1) Childcare must be carried out in stable cohorted groups of 12 or fewer ("stable" means the same twelve (12) or fewer children are in the same group each day); (2) Children shall not change from one group to another; (3) 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; (4) Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children;
  - v) Hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities. Beginning June 12, 2020, these may reopen for tourism and individual travel, in adherence with the required Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Hotels, Lodging and Short-Term Rentals, attached to this Order as **Appendix P**;
  - w) Construction, which includes the operation, inspection, and maintenance of construction sites and construction projects for construction of commercial, office and institutional buildings, residential and housing construction;
  - x) [Intentionally omitted].
19. For purposes of this Order, "Social (Physical) Distancing" means: (1) Maintaining at least six (6) feet of physical distance from individuals who are not members of the same household; (2) Frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol; (3) Wearing a cloth face covering when whenever an individual leaves their home or place of residence, and when an individual is or can be in contact with or walking by or past others who are non-household members in both public and private places, whether indoors or outdoors. Wearing a cloth face covering over both the nose and mouth reduces the risk of transmission to others from people who do not have symptoms and do not know they are infected; and (4) Avoiding all physical interaction outside the household when sick with a fever or cough, except for necessary medical care.
20. For purposes of this Order, the "Social (Physical) Distancing Protocol" that must be implemented and posted must demonstrate how the following infection control measures are being implemented and achieved, as applicable:
- a) Limiting the number of people who may enter into the facility at any one time to ensure that people in the facility can easily maintain a minimum six (6) foot physical distance from others, at all times, except as required to complete a business activity or transaction. Members of a single household or living unit may



stand or move together but must be separated from others by a physical distance of at least six (6) feet.

- b) Where lines may form at a facility, marking six (6) foot increments at a minimum, establishing where individuals should stand to maintain adequate Social (Physical) Distancing, whether inside or outside the facility.
- c) Providing hand sanitizer, soap and water, or effective disinfectant at or near the entrance of the facility and in other appropriate areas for use by the public and employees, and in locations where there is high-frequency employee interaction with members of the public (e.g., cashiers). Restrooms normally open to the public shall remain open to the public.
- d) Posting a sign in a conspicuous place at all public entries that instructs the public not to enter if they are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness, including fever or cough, to wear face coverings, and to maintain Social (Physical) Distancing from one another.
- e) Providing for the regular disinfection of high-touch surfaces, and disinfection of all payment portals, pens, and styluses after each use. All businesses are encouraged to also offer touchless payment mechanisms, if feasible.
- f) Providing face coverings to employees and contracted workers whose duties require close contact with other employees and/or the public. Those who have been instructed by their medical provider that they should not wear a face covering should wear a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, to be in compliance with State directives, as long as their condition permits it. A drape that is form fitting under the chin is preferred. Masks with one-way valves should not be used.
- g) Requiring that members of the public who enter the facility wear a face-covering over both the nose and mouth, which reduces the risk of “asymptomatic” or “pre-symptomatic” transmission to workers and others, during their time in the facility.
- h) Adhering to communicable disease control protocols provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, including requirements for cleaning and disinfecting the site. See protocols posted at [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/).

21. Operators of businesses that are required to cease in-person operations may conduct Minimum Basic Operations, which means:

- a) The minimum necessary activities to maintain and protect the value of the business's inventory and facilities; ensure security, safety, and sanitation; and process payroll and employee benefits;
- b) The minimum necessary activities to facilitate the business's owners, employees, and contractors being able to continue to work remotely from their residences, and to ensure that the business can deliver its services remotely.

### **ADDITIONAL TERMS**

22. The County shall promptly provide copies of this Order by: (a) posting it on the Los Angeles Department of Public Health's website ([www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov)), (b) posting it at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (c) providing it to any member of the public requesting a copy, and (d) issuing a press release to publicize the Order throughout the County.
- a) The owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public requesting a copy.
  - b) Because guidance may change, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is subject to this Order is ordered to consult the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's website ([www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov)) daily to identify any modifications to the Order and is required to comply with any updates until the Order is terminated.
23. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.
24. This Order incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and the March 4, 2020 declarations of a local and public health emergency issued by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer, respectively, and as they may be supplemented.
25. This Order is issued in consideration of the County's current status within the tiered reopening approach of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy issued August 28, 2020. This Order may be revised in the future as the State Public Health Officer progressively designates sectors, businesses, establishments, or activities for reopening with required modifications or closure at a pace designed to protect health and safety. Should local COVID-19 conditions warrant, the Health Officer may, after consultation with the Board of Supervisors, issue orders that are more restrictive than the guidance and orders issued by the State Public Health Officer.
26. This Order is consistent with the provisions in the Governor's Executive Order N-60-20 and the State Public Health Officer's May 7, 2020 Order, that local health jurisdictions may implement or continue more restrictive public health measures in the jurisdiction if the local health officer believes conditions in that jurisdiction warrant them. Where a conflict exists between this Order and any state public health order related to controlling the spread of COVID-19 during this pandemic, the most restrictive provision controls. Consistent with California Health and Safety Code section 131080, except where the State Health Officer may issue an order expressly directed at this Order or a provision of this Order and based upon a finding that a provision of this Order constitutes a menace to the public health, any more restrictive measures in this Order may continue to apply and control in the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction.



27. Pursuant to Sections 26602 and 41601 of the California Government Code and Section 101029 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in all cities located in the Los Angeles County Public Health Jurisdiction ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.
28. This Order shall become effective immediately on **January 25, 2021** and will continue to be until it is revised, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

**1/25/2021**

**Muntu Davis, M.D., M.P.H.**

**Date**

Health Officer,  
County of Los Angeles



## Appendices At-A-Glance

All DPH protocol is available at:

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

**Please note, some appendices are being updated  
to be in alignment with this Order.**

**Appendix A:** Protocol for Social Distancing [Revised 12/29/2020]

**Appendix B:** Protocols for Retail Establishments Opening for In-person Shopping

**Appendix B-1:** Protocols for Grocery Stores and Retail Food Markets

**Appendix C:** Reopening Protocol for Warehousing, Manufacturing and Logistic Establishments

**Appendix D:** Protocols for Office Worksites

**Appendix E:** Protocols for Shopping Center Operators

**Appendix F:** [Rescinded on 12/29/2020]

**Appendix G:** Protocol for Vehicle-Based Parades [Revised 10/13/2020]

**Appendix H:** [Rescinded and Incorporated into Appendix R on 10/23/2020]

**Appendix I:** Protocol for Restaurants, Breweries and Wineries

**Appendix J:** Reopening Protocol for Music, Film, and Television Production [Revised 8/18/2020]

**Appendix K:** Reopening Protocol for Day Camps

**Appendix L:** Reopening Protocol for Gyms and Fitness Establishments

**Appendix M:** Reopening Protocol for Museums, Galleries, Zoos, and Aquariums

**Appendix N:** Protocol for Professional Sports Leagues and Facilities Opening for Training Sessions and Spectator-Free Events

**Appendix O:** Reopening Protocol for Campgrounds, RV parks and Cabin Rental Units

**Appendix P:** Reopening Protocol for Hotels, Lodging, and Short-Term Rentals

**Appendix Q:** Reopening Protocol for Cardrooms

**Appendix R:** Reopening Protocol for Personal Care Establishments

**Appendix S:** [Rescinded 6/28/2020]

**Appendix T1:** Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools

**Appendix T2:** Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan in K-12 Schools

**Appendix U:** Reopening Protocol for Institutes of Higher Education

**Appendix V:** Protocols for Miniature Golf, Batting Cages, and Go Cart Racing