

HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2021-6.2
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19
REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS ENTERING
CERTAIN LICENSED FACILITIES AND OTHER AGENCIES
THAT ARE NOT A PATIENT, EXISTING RESIDENT OR NEW RESIDENT

TEMPERATURE SCREENING AND SELF-EVALUATION FOR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Health Officer Order No. 2021-6.2 Supersedes and Replaces Health Officer Order No. 2021-6.1

Effective Date: March 22, 2021, 5:00 p.m. PT

(Changes are underlined.)

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order may constitute a misdemeanor punishable by fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment, or both, or result in administrative fines. (Health and Safety Code §§ 101029, 120295 et seq.; County Ord. No. 5120.) Violators are also subject to civil enforcement actions including fines or civil penalties per violation per day, injunctive relief, and attorneys' fees and costs.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, and on March 12, 2020, the County of Santa Barbara declared a local emergency and a local health emergency in relation COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, in the County of Santa Barbara as well as throughout California and the nation, there are insufficient quantities of critical healthcare infrastructure, including hospital beds, ventilators and workers, capable of adequately treating mass numbers of patients at a single time – should the virus spread unchecked; and

WHEREAS, in direct response to the lack of healthcare infrastructure, governments across the nation are taking actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in order to “flatten the curve” of infection and reduce the numbers of individuals infected at any one time by minimizing situations where the virus can spread; and

WHEREAS, social distancing alone in certain Licensed Facilities and Other Agencies, defined as those listed in Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, may not be effective due to the concentration of individuals and the nature of the services provided; and

WHEREAS, this Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials throughout the United States and around the world, about the Symptoms that may be related to COVID-19, defined as those listed in Attachment B, attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer finds: (1) there is an increased risk of COVID-19 among those working in or living in certain Licensed Facilities and Other Agencies, and among those providing services in the community; (2) that prior to providing services in the community, or prior to entering certain Licensed Facilities or Other Agencies all individuals that are not a patient, existing resident, or new resident should conduct a self-evaluation and temperature screening for Symptoms; and, (3) accordingly, individuals with Symptoms such as respiratory illness or a fever (100.0° F or 37.8° C or greater, or subjective fever) should not enter the Licensed Facility or Other Agency because doing so is likely to impair efforts at mitigating the spread of COVID-19 both within the County and statewide; and

WHEREAS, this Order is intended to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure in certain Licensed Facilities and Other Agencies, and if applicable to the residents living in such Licensed Facilities or Other Agencies by prohibiting the entrance of individuals with Symptoms. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.

ACCORDINGLY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, AND TITLE 17 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDERS:

1. This Order 2021-6.2 is effective 5:00 p.m. (PT) March 22, 2021 and continuing until 5:00 p.m. (PT), on April 20, 2021 or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer (“Health Officer”). This Order applies in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County (“County”).
2. **Temperature screening.** All individuals entering the Licensed Facilities or Other Agencies, listed in Attachment A, such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, long term care facilities, hospice facilities, home health agencies, EMS providers, home care organizations, and dialysis providers submit to a temperature screening, by the least intrusive means as possible, prior to entering these locations or commencing services in the community.
3. **Self-Evaluation.** All individuals prior to entering, or provide services in the community, for the Licensed Facilities or Other Agencies, listed in Attachment A, are to self-evaluate for mild to moderate Symptoms related to COVID-19 or other respiratory illness, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea (“Symptoms”), listed in Attachment B.
4. **Prohibition of Entry.** Except for individuals seeking or receiving medical care, or residing in a Licensed Entity or Other Agency, no individual shall enter, or provide services in the community, for a Licensed Facility or Other Agency, listed in Attachment A, if a temperature screening of the individual is 100.0° F or 37.8° C or greater, or subjective fever; or if through the self-evaluation described in Attachment B the individual identifies he or she has Symptoms.

This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 which has infected at least 121,538,979 individuals worldwide, in 218 countries and territories, including 32,669 cases and 430 deaths in the County, and is implicated in over 2,686,401 worldwide deaths.

This Order is issued based on evidence of continuing transmission of COVID-19 both within the County and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.

This Order is issued because of the propensity of the virus to spread person to person and also because the virus physically is causing property loss or damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference: the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in the County; the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors ratifying the County Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency regarding COVID-19; the guidance issued on March 11, 2020 by the California Department of Public Health regarding large gatherings of 250 people or more; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 of March 12, 2020 preparing the State to commandeer hotels and other places of temporary residence, medical facilities, and other facilities that are suitable as places of temporary residence or medical facilities as necessary for quarantining, isolating or treating individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had a high-risk exposure and are thought to be in the incubation period; the March 13, 2020 Presidential Declaration of a National Emergency due to the national impacts of COVID-19; the guidance issued on March 15, 2020 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials through the United States and around the world recommending the cancellation of gatherings involving more than fifty (50) or more persons in a single space at the same time; the March 16, 2020 order of the State Public Health Officer prohibiting all gatherings with expected presence above ten (10) individuals; and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 of March 19, 2020 ordering all persons to stay at home to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19; the March 22, 2020, Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster in California beginning on January 20, 2020 under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Incident DR-4482; Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-60-20 of May 4, 2020 to allow reopening of lower-risk businesses and spaces ("Stage Two"), and thereafter to allow reopening of higher-risk businesses and spaces ("Stage Three"), and directing the State Public Health Officer to establish criteria and procedures to determine whether and how particular local jurisdictions may implement public health measures that depart from the statewide directives; the July 13, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order; and the August 28, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order called California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe, which was updated on March 11, 2021.

This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 120175; Health and Safety Code sections 101030 et seq., 120100 et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.


If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code sections 101029 and 120295, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. Per Health and Safety Code section 101029, "the sheriff of each county, or city and county, may enforce within the county, or the city and county, all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. Every peace officer of every political subdivision of the county, or city and county, may enforce within the area subject to his or her jurisdiction all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. This section is not a limitation on the authority of peace officers or public officers to enforce orders of the local health officer. When deciding whether to request this assistance in enforcement of its orders, the local health officer may consider whether it would be necessary to advise the enforcement agency of any measures that should be taken to prevent infection of the enforcement officers."

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Public Health Department; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department's website (publichealthsb.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

This Order 2021-6.2 supersedes and replaces Order 2021-6.1 previously issued by the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer which was effective February 21, 2021. Nothing in this Health Officer Order supersedes State Executive Orders or State Public Health Officer Orders. COVID-19 industry specific guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health is available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx#>.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Henning Ansorg, M.D.
Health Officer, Santa Barbara County Public Health Department

Attachment A

The Health Officer orders that all individuals entering the Licensed Entities or Other Agencies listed below submit to a temperature screening, by the least intrusive means as possible, and conduct a self-evaluation for COVID-19 Symptoms, prior to entering these locations:

- Hospitals including General Acute Care
- Psychiatric Health Facilities
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Intermediate Care Facilities of all license types
- Hospice Facilities
- Home Health and Hospice Agencies
- Home Care Organizations
- Chronic Dialysis Clinic
- Federally Qualified Health Care Centers
- Community Clinics
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly
- Residential Facility Chronically III
- Social Rehabilitation Facility
- Continuing Care Retirement Communities
- Urgent Care Centers
- EMS Providers
- Adult Residential Care Facilities (ARF) all license types

COVID-19 SELF-EVALUATION

The Health Officer requires individuals to conduct a self-evaluation prior to entering the Licensed Residential Facilities or Other Agencies. Except for individuals seeking or receiving medical care, or residing in a Licensed Entity or Other Agency, individuals with any of the Symptoms listed below are and prohibited from entering a Licensed Entity or Other Agency:

Mild to Moderate Symptoms Related to or
Other Respiratory Illness such as:

Fever or Chills

Cough

Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing

Fatigue

Muscle or Body Aches

Headache

New Loss of Taste and/or Smell

Sore Throat

Congestion or Runny Nose

Nausea or Vomiting

Diarrhea

DO NOT ENTER THESE FACILITIES

IF YOU HAVE THESE SYMPTOMS