



Public Health

Trudy Raymundo
Director

Corwin Porter
Assistant Director

Maxwell Ohikhuare, M.D.
Health Officer

Erin Gustafson, M.D., MPH
Acting Health Officer

ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS ENTERING

CERTAIN LICENSED FACILITIES AND OTHER AGENCIES

WHO ARE NOT A PATIENT, EXISTING RESIDENT OR NEW RESIDENT

TEMPERATURE SCREENING AND SELF-EVALUATION FOR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

MASKING OF ALL STAFF WHILE IN FACILITY

AVOIDING STAFF WORKING IN MULTIPLE FACILITIES

DATE OF ORDER: April 6, 2020

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; County Code Section 31.0101 Et. Seq.)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CODE SECTION 31.0101 ET. SEQ., THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ("HEALTH OFFICER") ORDERS:

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 10, 2020, the County of San

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROBERT A. LOVINGOOD
First District

JANICE RUTHERFORD
Second District

DAWN ROWE
Third District

CURT HAGMAN
Chairman, Fourth District

JOSIE GONZALES
Vice Chair, Fifth District

Gary McBride
Chief Executive Officer

Bernardino declared a local emergency and a local health emergency in relation COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, in the County of San Bernardino 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 San Bernardino 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 who 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

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

1. This Order is effective 5:00 p.m. (PDT) Monday, April 6, 2020 and continuing until 5:00 p.m. (PDT), on April 30, 2020 or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by

the County of San Bernardino Health Officer ("Health Officer"). This Order applies in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of San Bernardino 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, and those providing services, such as 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 providing 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, listed in Attachment B, or other respiratory illness, including sore throat, runny nose, fever, chills, not feeling well, sneezing and coughing, gastrointestinal symptoms such as soft stool or stomach cramps..
4. **Prohibition of Entry.** 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 (person feels like they are running a fever); or if through the self-evaluation described in Attachment B the individual identifies he or she has Symptoms.
5. **All staff at facilities shall wear a surgical mask at all times while in the facility.** If there are suspected or confirmed cases, staff shall wear an N-95 respirator, when available, while caring for suspected or confirmed case patients.
6. **Facilities should avoid by any means possible utilizing employees who have worked at another facility.**
7. This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 which has infected at least 1,289,380 individuals worldwide, in at least 178 countries and territories, including three-hundred and seventy-three (373) cases in the County, and is implicated in over 70,590 worldwide deaths.
8. 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.
9. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing 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.
10. 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 19, 2020 Order of the State Public Health Officer which ordered all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, as outlined at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>; 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.

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.

To the extent necessary, pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, this order is enforceable by the Sheriff and all Chiefs of Police in the County. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of San Bernardino Health Administration office located at 351 N. Mountain View Ave., #303, San Bernardino, CA 92415; (2) posted on the County of San Bernardino Public Health Department's website (wp.sbcounty.gov/dph); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Dated: April 6, 2020

Dr. Erin Gustafson, MD, MPH
Acting Public Health Officer
County of San Bernardino

Approved as to form and legality:



Dated: April 6, 2020

Adam Ebright
County Counsel
County of San Bernardino