

**CITY OF PASADENA HEALTH OFFICER ORDER
FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19**

UPDATED ORDER REQUIRING VACCINATION OR PRE-EVENT NEGATIVE TEST FOR INDOOR MEGA EVENTS WITH 1,000 OR MORE PEOPLE, TO ALIGN WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS

THIS ORDER AMENDS AND SUPERSEDES HEALTH OFFICER ORDER ISSUED AUGUST 26, UPDATED DECEMBER 15, 2021, JANUARY 7 AND FEBRUARY 14, 2022

This Order Issued: March 3, 2022

UPDATES IN THIS ORDER HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW:

Effective March 4, 2022

- Masking is strongly recommended, but no longer required, for individuals at Indoor Mega Events.

This Order is in effect as of March 4, 2022, 12:01 AM until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.

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.)

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER: Since June 15, 2021 when most restrictions from the State of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy were lifted, the average daily incident case rate of COVID-19 in the City of Pasadena has far surpassed the threshold for the "High Transmission" level of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Indicators for [Levels of Community Transmission](#), and Los Angeles County, where a large proportion of the people who work, visit, or patronize businesses in Pasadena reside, was (prior to March 3, 2022) classified in the [High level](#) in the CDC's new COVID-19 Levels and Indicators, first published February 25, 2022.

The significantly more transmissible World Health Organization-designated Variant of Concern of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, Omicron, accounts for more than 99% of sequenced virus in the United States at this time, and the dramatic surge in COVID-19 cases from December 2021 to present was largely driven by the Omicron variant, proving to be at least three times more transmissible than Delta. The COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized in the US have been shown to be highly safe and effective at providing protection against severe outcomes to individuals and communities, and are recommended by the CDC for all populations for whom the vaccine is authorized by the US Food and Drug Administration, including booster dose recommendations.

Masks have been shown to be effective as source control as well as to protect the wearer, if used consistently and correctly. [Upgraded masks](#), such as three-ply medical-grade surgical masks or KN95, and N95 respirators, have increased filtration which should be combined with a proper fit that prevents leaks.

Case rates and hospitalizations for COVID-19 have consistently and sharply declined since mid-January, the local vaccination rate is high, and the CDC has published new [COVID-19 Levels and Indicators](#) taking into account COVID-19 case rates and hospitalization metrics. As of March 3, 2022, LA County is now in the Low level of the CDC's new COVID-19 Levels and Indicators. As of March 1, 2022, the CA Health Officer's revised [statewide Order on indoor masking](#) in public spaces took effect, to change the mask requirement to a strong recommendation for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. Universal masking remains a requirement in certain high-risk locations, as specified by State Order.

Mega events are considered higher risk for COVID-19 virus transmission because: participants and attendees spend extensive periods of time physically close to large numbers of people they don't usually interact with; the frequency and total duration of close contact between attendees is increased, thereby increasing the risk that respiratory particles will be transmitted between attendees and participants; mega events draw from beyond the nearby community and will often draw attendees and participants from other states and countries that may be infected with more infectious COVID variants; and effective contact tracing may be difficult given the amount of potential uncontrolled mixing between groups and attendees unlikely to be together again and the nature of the events.

This Order changes the requirement for indoor masking at an Indoor Mega Event to a strong recommendation, and maintains the vaccination and testing requirements for attendance at an Indoor Mega Event in keeping with the CDPH Order, directing that all patrons (2 years of age and older) of Indoor Mega Events show proof of full vaccination or proof of Pre-Entry Negative COVID-19 (diagnostic) test result.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 120175 et seq., AND THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.04.010, THE CITY OF PASADENA HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:

- 1. Indoor Mega Events:** Indoor Mega Events are events with 1,000 or more attendees (including, but not limited to conventions/conferences/expos/sporting events and concerts). Indoor Mega Event organizers/operators must verify the full vaccination status (see subsection a.) or pre-entry negative COVID-19 viral test result (see subsection b.) of all attendees, ages 2 years and older, who will be on site. Event operators are required to [cross-check proof of full vaccination](#) or [negative COVID-19 viral test result](#) against a photo identification (ID) for those attendees who are 18 years of age or older. Attendees ages 2 to 17 years must provide proof of full vaccination or a Pre-Entry Negative COVID-19 Viral Test result, but are not required

to provide a photo ID. Indoor Mega Event organizers must prominently place information on all communications, including reservation and ticketing systems, to ensure guests are aware of the requirement for proof of pre-entry testing or full vaccination status, masking requirements, and acceptable modes of verification. Self-attestation **cannot** be used as a method to verify an attendee's status as fully vaccinated or as proof of a negative COVID-19 test result.

- a. Fully vaccinated definition: See current [CDPH Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Persons](#) for definitions, acceptable vaccines, and updates on additional vaccines as they are approved. For verification methods: See current Options for Providing Proof of Vaccination in the [CDPH Vaccine Record Guidelines & Standards](#) for acceptable methods of vaccine verification.
- b. Pre-entry negative testing definition: Testing must be conducted within one day for an antigen test and within two days for a PCR test prior to entry into an event. Results of the test must be available prior to entry into the facility or venue. For verification: See current [CDPH Updated Testing Guidance](#) for acceptable methods of proof of negative COVID-19 test result.

2. Attendees **are strongly recommended to wear a well-fitting mask** while at an Indoor Mega Event.
3. Unvaccinated as well as fully vaccinated people **are recommended to** continue to follow CDC guidance for [unvaccinated people](#) and for [fully vaccinated people](#) to protect themselves and others, including wearing a well-fitted [mask](#), [physical distancing](#) (at least 6 feet), avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, [washing hands](#) often, and following any applicable workplace, school, or business sector guidance or requirements including the [Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards](#). Fully vaccinated people should still watch for [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, especially following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. If symptoms develop, all people – regardless of vaccination status – should isolate and be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, including SARS-CoV-2 testing. Anyone testing positive for SARS-CoV-2, regardless of vaccination status, must follow the [Health Officer Order for Isolation](#). All populations for whom additional or booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine are recommended by the CDC should protect themselves with these doses.
4. All previous orders of the Health Officer, as revised, supplemented and/or amended and that have not been expressly rescinded or superseded, remain in full force and effect, except as provided herein. To the extent a conflict exists between this Order and any previous orders of the Health Officer, the previous orders are hereby superseded and this Order controls.
5. The CDPH has declared that the Q&A and Industry Guidance set forth on the CDPH COVID-19 website have the same force and effect as other State Public Health Officer directives. By way of this Order, the Health Officer adopts such directives as orders as well.

6. Protocols established by the Health Officer to implement health orders issued by the State Public Health Officer or the City of Pasadena Health Officer have the same force and effect as other Orders issued by the Health Officer. To the extent any health order of the Health Officer, including any protocols established to implement any health order, is more restrictive than any order or directive issued by the State Public Health Officer, the health order of the Health Officer shall control.
7. This Order applies to all persons within the City of Pasadena under the Health Officer's jurisdiction.
8. Violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both under California Health and Safety Code Section 120295. This Order will be enforced by the City of Pasadena Police Department, City Attorney/City Prosecutor's Office, and/or any other agency designated by the Pasadena City Manager for enforcement.
9. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order (or any other prior 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 of this Order (or any other prior Order).

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Date: 3/03/2022

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