

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

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

**This Order Issued: December 15, 2021**

**This Order is in effect immediately until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.**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 increased to reach the “High” or “Substantial” Transmission levels of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Indicators for [Levels of Community Transmission](#). The testing positivity rate in Pasadena has also risen to the “High” or “Substantial” Transmission levels. In Los Angeles County where a large proportion of the people who work, visit, or patronize businesses in Pasadena reside, the rate of COVID-19 cases has increased to the “High Transmission” level, contributing to risk of transmission in this City. Hospitalizations from COVID-19 both locally and throughout Los Angeles County have increased.

In addition, the significantly more transmissible World Health Organization-designated Variants of Concern, including Delta and Omicron variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, have been detected in specimens collected from Pasadena residents with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized in the US have been shown to be highly safe and effective at providing protection 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.

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 number of potential uncontrolled mixing between groups and attendees among individuals who are unlikely to be together again and the nature of the events. On August 18, 2021, the California Public Health Officer revised the definition of Indoor Mega-Events as events with crowds of greater than 1,000 attendees.

**This Order revises the definition of an Indoor Mega-Event in keeping with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) August 18, 2021 order and directs that all organizers/operators of Indoor Mega-Events to verify that attendees are fully vaccinated or have proof of pre-entry negative testing.**

**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 who will be on site, including vendors/exhibitors, contractors, staff, etc. 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 must wear a face covering while indoors at an Indoor Mega-Event except while actively eating or drinking – the mask can be removed briefly to eat or drink, after which it must be immediately put back in place. Attendees must be seated at a table, positioned at a stationary counter, or in a ticketed seat while eating or drinking. A mask may be briefly removed to receive a procedure or service that cannot be provided with the mask on, but the service provider should wear more protective Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as an N95 respirator and face shield, while a client is unmasked, and the client must mask as soon as the procedure or service is completed.
3. Venues or operators should make masks available to attendees who do not have one.

4. All previous Health Officer Orders, including the July 21, 2021 Order for Wearing of Face Masks in Public Settings and August 18 Order for Wearing of Face Masks at Outdoor Mega-Events, remain in full force and effect except as modified by this Order.
5. Unvaccinated as well as fully vaccinated people should 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. This Order applies to all persons within the City of Pasadena under the Health Officer's jurisdiction.
9. 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.
10. 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:**



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Date: 12/15/2021