

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

ORDER FOR WEARING OF FACE MASKS AT OUTDOOR MEGA-EVENTS

This Order Issued: August 18, 2021

This Order is in effect as of August 20, 2021, 12:01 AM until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.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 increased by 1,519% to reach the “High Transmission” level 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 Transmission” level. 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 more than doubled.

In addition, the significantly more transmissible Delta variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus has become the predominant strain in the US and has been detected in specimens collected from Pasadena residents with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, from multiple unrelated households. 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. Recent real-world evidence supports research findings that suggest authorized vaccines are highly protective against hospitalization and death from infection with the Delta variant, yet data are still being gathered and analyzed for additional clarity on rates of infection among fully vaccinated individuals and their role in transmission. The CDC’s Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People advises that “preliminary evidence suggests that fully vaccinated people who become infected with the Delta variant can transmit the virus to others.”

In considering options to counter this rapid increase in COVID-19 transmission, a continued increase in the vaccination rate is paramount, and additional measures such as masking are needed. All individuals, especially those who are unvaccinated or at higher risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19, should take personal measures to reduce risk in addition to masking.

This Order directs all individuals to wear face masks when at an Outdoor Mega-Event, as that term is defined below, with limited exemptions, and requires event organizers or venues to make face masks available to individuals entering the venue or event space.

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. **The Health Officer Order issued on June 14, 2021 that requires all individuals and businesses to comply with the [Guidance for Use of Face Coverings](#) issued by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and made effective June 15, 2021, remains in effect except as inconsistent with this Order as set forth below.**
2. **This Order directs that face masks shall be worn, regardless of vaccination status, at all Outdoor Mega-Events, defined as events with 10,000 attendees or more, with the following limited exception:**
 - a. 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, in a ticketed seat, or other place such as on a blanket or beach chair while actively eating or drinking.
3. Organizers of Outdoor Mega-Events must prominently place information on all communications, including reservation and ticketing systems, to ensure attendees are aware of this Order that all attendees must wear a face mask while in attendance, and the strong recommendation of State and City Health Officers that all attendees either be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or obtain a negative COVID-19 viral test before attending the event.
4. Operators of Outdoor Mega-Events are required to make face masks available to all attendees and to assign staff to remind attendees to wear face masks while on the premises.
5. The Health Officer Order for Wearing of Face Masks in Public Settings issued on July 21, 2021 remains in full force and effect except as modified by this Order.
6. 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 Orders for Isolation](#).

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. This Order applies to all persons within the City of Pasadena under the Health Officer’s jurisdiction.
10. 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.
11. 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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Health Officer, City of Pasadena

Date: 08/18/2021