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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, EXISITING 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: May 8, 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-

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19 a global pandemic, and on March 10, 2020, the County of San Bernardino declared a local emergency and a local health emergency in relation COVID-19 in the community; and

WHEREAS, in direct response to the strain on the 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

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Effective 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020 and continuing until rescinded, pending further Order of the Health Officer, the following Order will be in effect for the County of San Bernardino (hereinafter the “County”) and supersedes the Order issued on April 6, 2020, titled, “Requirements for All Individuals Entering Certain Licensed Facilities and Other Agencies Who Are Not A Patient, Existing Resident or New Resident”.

1. **Self-Evaluation.** All staff, service providers, vendors, or contractors, shall self-evaluate for mild to moderate symptoms listed in Attachment B prior to entering Licensed Facilities or Other Agencies, listed in Attachment A, or providing services in the community. Individuals that are experiencing

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these symptoms shall stay at home or their place of residence and should contact their employer and healthcare provider regarding appropriate next steps.

2. **Temperature screening.** All staff, visitors, service providers, vendors, contractors, or any other individual entering Licensed Facilities or Other Agencies listed in Attachment A shall submit to a temperature screening, by the least intrusive means as possible, either prior to entering these facilities or inside the facility as near to the entrance as is feasible. No individual shall progress beyond the temperature screening area, 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.
3. **Face Coverings and Respirators.** All individuals shall wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, such as surgical masks, scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandanas, neck gaiters, or other fabric face coverings surgical mask at all times while in the facility. Healthcare professionals (HCP) including, but not limited to, physicians, nurses and medical assistants, shall wear an N-95 respirator, when available, while caring for patients. Other face coverings may be worn while not directly caring for patients; however, to avoid risking self-contamination, HCP should consider continuing to wear their respirator or surgical mask (extended use) instead of intermittently switching back to their cloth face covering. Of note, N-95s with an exhaust valve might not provide source control. HCP should remove their respirator or facemask and wear a cloth face covering when leaving the facility. They should also be instructed that if they must touch or adjust their respirator or face covering they should perform hand hygiene immediately before and after.
4. **Basis for Order.** The Health Officer finds:
 - a. SARS-CoV2 is a highly-contagious virus that has resulted in a global pandemic, and causes COVID-19, a serious illness that is causing an alarming number of deaths.
 - b. Nationally, Licensed Facilities, such as those listed in Attachment A, are experiencing an exceptionally high rate of infection and deaths due to the long-term close proximity of high-risk individuals, including but not limited to, residents who are elderly and have chronic underlying health conditions. Currently, there is no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19 and it is easily spread through person-to-person contact.
5. **Intent of Order.** 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.
6. **Incorporation of Other Orders.** 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 10, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in San Bernardino County; the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino proclaiming the existence of a Local Emergency in the County of San Bernardino regarding COVID-19; the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino ratifying and extending the Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to COVID-19; and

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Executive Order N-33-20 of the Governor of California and Order of the State Public Health Officer issued on March 19, 2020.

7. **Other Guidance.** 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.
8. **Legal Authority.** This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101030, et seq.; Health and Safety Code sections 120100, et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.
9. **Severability of Order.** This Order shall not supersede any conflicting or more restrictive orders issued by the State of California or Federal governments. If any portion of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, 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.
10. **Enforcement Authority.** 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 and is a crime punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine or imprisonment up to 90 days, or both.

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: May 8, 2020

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

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

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As Director of Emergency Services for the County of San Bernardino, I am authorized to promulgate regulations for the protection of life and property pursuant to Government Code Section 8634 and San Bernardino County Code section 21.0105. The following shall be in effect for the duration of the Health Officer Order issued above which is incorporated in its entirety by reference: The Health Officer Order shall be promulgated as a regulation for the protection of life and property. Any person who violates or who refuses or willfully neglects to obey this regulation is subject to fine, imprisonment, or both. (Government Code Section 8665.)



Gary McBride
Director/CEO
Office of Emergency Services
County of San Bernardino

Dated: May 8, 2020

Approved as to form and legality:



Michelle D. Blakemore
County Counsel
County of San Bernardino

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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 Ill
- Social Rehabilitation Facility
- Continuing Care Retirement Communities
- Urgent Care Centers
- EMS Providers
- Adult Residential Care Facilities (ARF) all license types

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Attachment B

COVID-19 SELF-EVALUATION

An order of the San Bernardino County Health Officer requires individuals to conduct a self-evaluation prior to entering certain Licensed Residential Facilities and prohibits you from entering if you have any of the following mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 or other respiratory illnesses:

- Sore Throat
- Runny Nose
- Fever
- Chills
- Not Feeling Well
- Sneezing
- Coughing
- Gastro-Intestinal symptoms such as:
 - Soft Stool
 - Stomach Cramps

DO NOT ENTER FACILITIES LISTED IN ATTACHMENT A

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS