



**REOPENING SAFER AT WORK AND IN THE COMMUNITY
FOR CONTROL OF COVID-19**
**Temporary Closure of Public Beaches,
Piers, Beach Bike Paths and Beach Access Points, and
Temporary Prohibition of Firework Shows and Events**
Date Order Issued: June 29, 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; Los Angeles County Code § 11.02.080.)**

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER: This County of Los Angeles Health Officer Order (Order) requires the temporary closure of all public beaches, piers, beach bicycle paths and beach access points within the Public Health Jurisdiction of the County of Los Angeles between July 3 and July 6, 2020. This Order also prohibits all firework shows and events until further notice. The County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction is defined as all unincorporated areas and cities within the County of Los Angeles, with the exception of the cities of Long Beach and Pasadena.

The County of Los Angeles and its Department of Public Health have recently observed a sharp increase in new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Los Angeles County during the previous week has averaged well-over 2,000 new COVID-19 cases per day. As of June 28, 2020, there are 1,717 people hospitalized with COVID-19, which is significantly higher than the previously steady rates of 1,350 to 1,450 daily hospitalizations during May and early June. Further, the cumulative COVID-19 testing positivity rate has increased in Los Angeles County from 8% to 9%, and the 7-day average of the daily positivity rate has increased during the previous two weeks from 5.8% to 8.7%. These unfortunate statistics show the reality of increased community transmission of COVID-19. The upsurge in these COVID-19 Indicators require actions to limit the level of person-to-person contacts, in order to avert an overwhelming of hospitals within the County.


The Fourth of July holiday weekend is a time when Angelenos historically gather in large numbers on beaches and at firework shows and events. These large public gatherings present an especially high risk for the community transmission of COVID-19, and the nature of such gatherings make observation and enforcement of required social (physical) distancing measures impractical and ineffective. Now is a critical time for residents of Los Angeles County to continue working together by not gathering to slow the spread of COVID-19. This Order is needed to limit the person to person contact among non-household members that occurs annually at large public gatherings during this holiday weekend at beaches and at public firework shows and events. Given the recent and substantial increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, this Order is necessary to both prevent further opportunities for community transmission and maintain necessary hospital capacity.



**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND
SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175,
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:**

1. All firework shows and events within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction are prohibited until further notice in order to limit the gathering of crowds of people to watch these shows and events to further stem the spread of COVID-19 among the greater Los Angeles community. Firework shows and events are, for the purposes of this Order, defined as displays of fireworks that are intended for viewing by more than one household of persons.
2. All public beaches, piers, public beach parking lots, beach bike paths that traverse that sanded portion of the beach, and beach access points within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction are to be temporarily closed to the public as of 12:01 am on July 3, 2020, until 5:00 am on July 6, 2020.
3. This Order shall be effective immediately.
4. State public health directives and the current County Health Officer Order prohibit professional, social and community mass gatherings. Gatherings are defined as—meetings or other events that bring together persons from multiple households at the same time for a shared or group experience in a single room, space, or place such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, or other indoor or outdoor space. They pose an especially high danger of transmission and spread of COVID-19.
5. To protect the public's health, the Health Officer may take additional action(s) for failure to comply with this Order. Violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both under California Health and Safety Code Section 120295 et seq. Further, pursuant to Sections 26602 and 41601 of the California Government Code and Section 101029 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and Chiefs of Police in all cities, and lifeguards located in the Los Angeles County Public Health Jurisdiction ensure compliance with this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Muntu Davis, M.D., M.P.H.
Health Officer, County of Los Angeles

6/29/2020

Date