

STAY WELL VC
Safely Reopening Ventura County
HEALTH OFFICER ORDER
COUNTY OF VENTURA
FOR CONTROL OF COVID-19 WITHIN THE COUNTY OF VENTURA
Effective Date: June 11, 2020, 11:59 p.m.

Please read this Order carefully. This Order issued by the Ventura County Health Officer shall become effective at 11:59 p.m. on June 11, 2020, and shall replace the Health Officers May 29, 2020 Order. Any prior violations of the previous orders remain prosecutable, criminally or civilly. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 120295 et seq., violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

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

1. **Admittance to Long-Term Care Facilities.** Long-Term Care Facilities may not refuse to admit any person who has been diagnosed with or treated for COVID-19 after that person has been discharged from a health care facility and approved for admittance to a Long-Term Care Facility by the Ventura County Public Health Department.
 - a. For purposes of this Order, “Long-Term Care Facility” means a long-term care facility, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, congregate living health facility, nursing facility, hospice facility, residential care facility for the elderly, residential facility, or community care facility as defined in Health and Safety Code sections 1250, 1502, 1503.5 and 1569, and regulations promulgated thereunder, as they may be amended from time to time.
2. **Hospitals and Long-Term Care Facilities.** The County Health Officer recognizes the authority of the guidance documents “Hospital Holding Unit Guidance for COVID-19” and “Long-Term Care Facility Guidance for Preventing and Managing COVID-19” (the current versions of which are available at www.vcemergency.com) and strongly advises all hospitals and Long-Term Care Facilities to comply with the guidance.

3. Businesses must establish, implement and enforce COVID-19 prevention plans. Businesses, with the exception of those listed as exempt in the County of Ventura Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) website at: www.vcemergency.com/covid19/staywellvc/faqs-general , must establish, implement and enforce a site-specific prevention plan in accordance with the State of California COVID-19 industry Guidance and associated checklist found at covid19.ca.gov/roadmap. Prior to reopening, businesses must register and attest to their preparedness for safely reopening at vcreopen.com. Businesses that were operating under a previous order must also register and attest to their adherence to state guidelines.

As a condition of operation, each business must post a written notice explaining how it will comply with Social Distancing Requirements in conspicuous places where it can easily be seen by employees and patrons of the business facility. The written posting shall identify by name and telephone number the County COVID-19 Compliance Hotline where compliance related questions or complaints may be reported by employees and patrons.

Further, businesses, as a condition of operation, shall admit without delay any officer, employee or agent of the County of Ventura or local city to their business facilities for the purposes of inspection for monitoring and compliance. The failure to cooperate with such inspectors, or repeated and confirmed violations of COVID-19 prevention requirements, may lead to issuance of a business-specific closure order by the County Health Officer.

4. Local Adoption of State Guidances on Specified Businesses and Activities. The State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health has issued several guidances allowing for the reopening of specified businesses and engagement in specified activities conditioned on the approval of local health officers. The County Health Officer has approved implementation of the businesses and activities described in the following State guidance documents, subject to any additional requirements that may be set forth in the County of Ventura's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) website:

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies (Released May 25, 2020)

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Campgrounds, RV Parks, and Outdoor Recreation (Released June 5, 2020)

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Cardrooms, Satellite Wagering Facilities, and Racetracks (Released June 5, 2020)

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Tribal Casinos (Released June 5, 2020)

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Day Camps (Released June 5, 2020)

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Family Entertainment Centers (Released June 5, 2020)

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Fitness Facilities (Released June 5, 2020)

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Hotels, Lodging, and Short Term Rentals (Released June 5, 2020)

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Restaurants, Bars, and Wineries (Released June 5, 2020)

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs (Released June 5, 2020)

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Museums, Galleries, Zoos, and Aquariums (Released June 5, 2020)

[Note: State guidances which are not expressly conditioned on approval of local health officers have not been listed above, but remain in force and effect under State authority.]

5. **All Requirements Set Forth in the County of Ventura FAQ's Are Directives of the County Health Officer.** Due to the quickly evolving nature of local health conditions and State orders, the County Health Officer has determined that the public would be best served by utilizing FAQ's that can be easily accessed by members of the public and quickly updated by the Health Officer as circumstances warrant. Therefore, all FAQ's on the County of Ventura website at www.vcemergency.com/covid19/staywellvc/faqs-general shall be deemed to be a directive of the County Health Officer.

6. **Compliance.** The violation of any provision of this Local Order, the County's FAQ's or the State Stay at Home Order constitutes a threat to public health and a public nuisance per se. In addition, pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the County Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Local Order.

7. **Violation may constitute unfair competition.** Any person that, after notice, operates, manages, maintains or occupies or continues to operate, manage, maintain or occupy, any business in violation of this Local Order or the State Stay at Home Order may, in addition or in the alternative to any other civil and criminal penalties allowed by law, be subject to liability under the Unfair Competition Law (chapter 5 of part 2 of division 7 of the Business and Professions Code, commencing at section 17200), and subject to civil penalties and other relief as provided therein, for each act or practice in violation of this Local Order, the State Stay at Home Order, any predecessor order, or any of them.

8. **More restrictive provisions of local and State orders enforceable.** This Local Order is issued to supplement the State Stay at Home Order, which establishes minimum requirements for individuals and businesses, as well as the Governor's March 19, 2020, Executive Order N-33-20 directing California residents to follow the State Stay at Home Order. Where a conflict exists between this Local Order and any State public health order, including the State Stay at Home Order, the more restrictive provision controls.

9. **Applicable to entire County.** This Order applies to all persons in the cities and the entire unincorporated area of the County.

10. **Effective date and time.** This Order shall become effective and operative at 11:59 p.m. on June 11, 2020, and will continue to be in effect until rescinded, superseded or amended in writing by the County Health Officer.

11. **Copies of Local Order.** Copies of this Local Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of Ventura Public Health Office, 2240 East Gonzalez Road, Suite 210, Oxnard, California, 93036; (2) posted on the Ventura County Public Health Department website (available at www.vchca.org/ph); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Local Order.

12. **Severability.** If any provision of this Local Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Local 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 Local Order are severable.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Robert Levin, M.D.
Ventura County Health Officer

Dated: June 11, 2020