New "Safer at Home" Public Health Order Begins Monday, November 30 Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

The City of Culver City continues to cooperate with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to respond to the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Los Angeles County.

For previous updates, please visit the City’s Coronavirus webpage.

Para leer esta información en español, por favor visite la página web de Coronavirus de la ciudad.

As new COVID-19 cases remain at alarming levels and the number of people hospitalized continue to increase, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will issue a temporary Health Officer Order to require additional safety measures across sectors. The temporary order will take effect Monday, November 30, 2020 and remain in effect through December 20, 2020. The order will be posted on the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health website. The City of Culver City will issue a Public Order that mirrors the County order.

In the new Public Health Order that goes into effect on Monday, residents are advised to stay home as much as possible and always wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when they are outside their household and around others.

The additional safety modifications in the order include the following changes to the existing Health Officer Order:

- Gatherings: All public and private gatherings with individuals not in your household are prohibited, except for church services and protests, which are constitutionally protected rights.
- Occupancy limits at various businesses; all individuals at these sites are required to wear face coverings and keep at least 6 feet of distance:
  - Essential retail – 35% maximum occupancy
  - Non-essential retail (includes indoor malls) – 20% maximum occupancy
  - Personal care services – 20% maximum occupancy
  - Libraries – 20% maximum occupancy
  - Fitness centers operating outdoors – 50% maximum occupancy
  - Museums galleries, zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens operating outdoors – 50% maximum occupancy
  - Mini-golf, batting cages, go-kart racing operating outdoors – 50% maximum occupancy
- Outdoor recreation activities all which require face coverings (except for swimming) and distancing:
Beaches, trails, and parks remain open; gatherings at these sites with members outside your household are prohibited.

- Golf courses, tennis courts, pickleball, archery ranges, skate parks, bike parks, and community gardens remain open for individuals or members of a single household. Pools that serve more than one household may open only for regulated lap swimming with one person per lane.
- Drive-in movies/events/car parades are permitted provided occupants in each car are members of one household.

- Schools:
  - All schools and day camps remain open adhering to re-opening protocols. K-12 Schools and Day Camps with an outbreak (3 cases or more over 14 days) should close for 14 days.

- Closed non-essential businesses/activities:
  - Playgrounds (with the exception of playgrounds at childcare and schools)
  - Cardrooms

Because of the high rates of transmission in the community, restaurants, bars, breweries and wineries remain closed for in-person dining and drinking, as customers countywide are not wearing face coverings during their visit which results in an increased chance of transmission of the virus. Restaurants, wineries and breweries remain open for pick-up, delivery, and take-out. Breweries and wineries remain open for retail sales at 20% occupancy.

On Friday, November 27, Public Health confirmed 24 new deaths and 4,544 new cases of COVID-19. As of Friday, the five-day average of new cases is 4,751.

On November 17, Los Angeles County established thresholds for additional actions if the five-day average of cases is 4,500 or more or hospitalizations are more than 2,000 per day. A new Health Officer Order would be issued for three weeks that offered additional safety modifications while allowing essential and emergency workers and those securing or providing essential and permitted services to leave their homes.

There are 1,893 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 24% of these people are in the ICU. On October 27, one month ago, there were 747 people hospitalized with COVID-19.

Everyone should stay home as much as possible and avoid seeing people you don’t live with, even if you don’t feel sick. Residents are also reminded to wear a face covering over their nose and mouth whenever they are outside their home and around others, as COVID-19 can be unintentionally spread to other people. We can also reduce transmission by keeping a physical distance of at least 6-feet when outside and around others. Taking these simple safety precautions, in addition to washing your hands frequently, will save lives.

Additionally, it is very important that if you are even mildly sick or think you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 that you stay home and away from other people, especially those at greater risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19 and consider being tested for COVID-19.

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**Where can I get more information?**

Always check with trusted sources for the latest accurate information about novel coronavirus:

- [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov)
Questions? Call the Culver City Hotline

If you or someone you know has a non-emergency, non-medical need or question related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and you would like assistance, please email the City or call the City’s Coronavirus Hotline at (310) 253-6890 (Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM). If you email or leave a message at the Hotline after hours, please include your name, address, phone number, email address, and your need or question. In an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.