



COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

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RESCISSION OF HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS

RESCISSION OF LISTED COVID-19 PANDEMIC-RELATED ORDERS OF THE IMPERIAL COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

Date Issued: April 19, 2023

Date Effective: April 23, 2023

Effective at 12:01 a.m. on April 23, 2023, the orders of the Health Officer of the County of Imperial regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) face mask, isolation and quarantine listed below are rescinded in full. The State of California ended its state of emergency related to COVID-19 on February 28, 2023, and has rescinded most of its remaining COVID-19 orders. The State has organized many of the current recommendations in its COVID-19 SMARTER Plan; more information about the plan is available online at covid19.ca.gov/smarter/. Considering the State’s end of the state-wide emergency and based on local conditions and the current scientific and epidemiological understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Imperial County Health Officer has determined the capability to respond to this public health emergency is now within the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County.

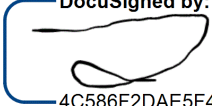
As of the date of this Rescission, the vast majority of Imperial County residents have completed the full initial vaccination series. Although respiratory viruses, such as COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) are a future concern, COVID-19 rates and hospitalizations have generally been much lower than at this time in prior years during the pandemic. The most important ongoing protection against serious illness and hospitalization related to COVID-19 remains being up to date on COVID-19 vaccination, including receipt of the most recent booster dose recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”). Other important measures that should be followed to protect everyone from COVID-19 include getting tested if an exposure occurs or an illness develops, following the State’s [Guidance on Isolation and Quarantine for COVID-19](#) and [Guidance for Face Coverings](#), as well as discussing with a trusted provider the range of treatments that are now available for those with COVID-19. The Imperial County Health Officer also strongly recommends that everyone continue appropriate protections based on their situation, including the following measures: 1) following the CDC’s most current COVID-19 vaccination and booster guidance; 2) staying aware of treatments available to them if they get sick with COVID-19; and 3) being aware of information about COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

The County of Imperial remains well-positioned to continue to shift from the emergency nature of the pandemic response to longer-term public health strategies. Based on local, state, and national conditions, COVID-19 data and indicators, and the evolving scientific understanding of the risks posed by COVID-19, the Imperial County Health Officer has determined it is now appropriate to rescind the local health orders listed below relating to COVID-19. Everyone in the County remains subject to State and Federal rules and other local and State Health Officer Orders that may remain in effect until they are rescinded.

List of Orders Being Rescinded:

1. Imperial County Face Mask Order Rev 11-8-2022
2. Imperial County Isolation Order 4-13-2022
3. Imperial County Quarantine Order 4-13-2022

IT IS SO ORDERED:

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Stephen Munday, Health Officer, Imperial County

April 19, 2023
Date