

County of Imperial
Amended Order of the Health Officer

Pursuant to sections 101040, 120175, and 120175.5(b) of the California Health and Safety Code, the Imperial County Health Officer (“Health Officer”) hereby amends the Health Officer Order dated December 15, 2021. The Health Officer hereby **ORDERS AS FOLLOWS**:

WHEREAS, in response to the surge in COVID-19 positivity rates throughout the State, CDPH has implemented certain guidelines to assist in preventing the spread of the delta variant and other strains of COVID-19. On December 13, 2021, in accordance with recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDPH issued an updated [Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#), which generally requires all individuals irrespective of vaccine status to wear face coverings in public indoor settings from December 15, 2021 through January 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in the first half of December 2021, the County’s Department of Public Health (“Public Health”) has documented a marked increase in both COVID-19 positivity and hospitalization rates within the County. Public Health has further documented that COVID-19 infections originating from the delta variant were increasing at a faster rate than other variants in the County; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2021, the Health Officer issued a Health Officer Order to align the County of Imperial’s local COVID-related guidelines and restrictions with those specified in all state and federal orders, regulations, and guidelines (“December 15th Order”); and

WHEREAS, in response to the continued surge in COVID-19 positivity rates throughout the State, CDPH has implemented certain guidelines to assist in preventing the spread of the delta variant and other strains of COVID-19. On January 5, 2022, CDPH issued an updated [Guidance for the Use of Face Masks](#) extending the requirement for universal masking indoors statewide December 15, 2021, through February 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer now issues this new Health Officer Order to ensure alignment of the County of Imperial’s local COVID-related guidelines and restrictions with those specified in all state and federal orders, regulations, and guidelines.


THEREFORE, effective 12:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on February 15, 2022 or as extended by CDPH, the following will be in effect for the County:

1. The Health Officer reaffirms that all residents and visitors of the County are subject to, and must abide by, the [Guidance for the Use of Face Masks](#) issued by CDPH, which includes any additions or revisions made thereto.

- a. Per state guidelines, all unvaccinated and vaccinated residents and visitors of the County are required to wear a face cover in indoor public settings and businesses.
 - b. Per state guidelines, masks are required for all individuals in the following indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status: on public transit; K-12 schools, childcare; emergency shelters and cooling centers.
 - c. Per state guidelines, masks are required for all individuals in the following indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status (and surgical masks are recommended): healthcare settings; state and local correctional facilities and detention centers; homeless shelters; long term care settings and adult and senior care facilities.
2. All other terms and conditions of the June 10th Order, August 17th Order, October 28th Order, and December 15th Order not inconsistent with this Order shall remain in full force and effect.
3. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, business, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid, preempted, or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.
4. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, any applicable federal, State, or local law, regulation, rule, policy, or procedure related to COVID-19, as they may be amended, updated, or supplemented.
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 sections 120295 et seq. of the California Health and Safety Code. 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 the Chiefs of Police in all cities located in the County ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order.
6. This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: January 15, 2022


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Stephen Munday, M.D., MPH
Health Officer






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