



HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 21-02a

**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
RESCINDING THE ORDER DIRECTING ALL ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN SANTA RITA JAIL TO COMPLY WITH NEW
COVID-19 TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

DATE OF ORDER: August 6, 2021

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code §§ 120175, 120295.; Cal. Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1))

This Order rescinds the existing Health Officer Order No. 21-02, dated February 22, 2021, and shall remain in effect until rescinded, amended, or superseded in writing by the Health Officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:01 a.m., August 9, 2021

Summary of Order: This Order rescinds the existing COVID-19 TESTING REQUIREMENTS Order number 21-02, dated February 22, 2021. The purpose of this Order no. 21-02a is to limit the transmission of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”). Although vaccinations have greatly reduced the risk of severe disease in the County of Alameda, COVID-19 is still circulating within the community, and presents a very real threat to the unvaccinated. This Order reflects the requirements and restrictions (relating to, among other things, employee vaccination and testing) imposed by the State of California to prevent its further spread in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, other health care settings, and high-risk congregate settings, such as state and local correctional facilities and detention centers. Facilities are directed to the [State Public Health Officer Order of July 26, 2021](#), or any superseding state order to determine the requirements, permissions, and restrictions applicable to their settings. The Health Officer may revise this Order as necessary to respond to the conditions in the County of Alameda and may impose greater restrictions than the State.



UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

1. This Order RESCINDS Health Officer Order no. 21-02 to bring the County into alignment with the restrictions, terms, and conditions imposed on certain facilities by the State of California. These facilities are identified in the [State Public Health Officer Order of July 26, 2021](#), and include hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, other health care settings, and high-risk congregate settings, such as state and local correctional facilities and detention centers. Such facilities within the County are now subject to the restrictions and requirements imposed by the State of California’s July 26, 2021 Public Health Order and any superseding state orders. Except as indicated herein, this Order no. 21-02a does not impact any other Health Officer Order issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, the Declarations of Local Health Emergency issued by the Health Officer on March 1 and 5, the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda Ratifying the Declarations of Local Health Emergency, and the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors Ratifying the Declaration of Local Emergency.
3. This Order is also issued in light of the March 19, 2020 Order of the State Public Health Officer and subsequent orders and guidance issued by the Governor, the State Health Officer, and the California Department of Public Health and Department of Industrial Relations, including without limitation the [State Public Health Officer Order of July 26, 2021](#), which set baseline statewide requirements and restrictions for certain facilities. The Health Officer may adopt more stringent restrictions and requirements addressing the particular facts and circumstances in this County, necessary to control the public health emergency as it is evolving within the County and the region. Where a County Health Officer Order and any state public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic conflict, the most restrictive provision controls.
4. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on August 9, 2021 and will continue to be in effect until it is rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
5. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Administration Building at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, California 94612; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department’s website (<https://covid-19.acgov.org/index.page>); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.



6. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of the 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 Order are severable.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Moss", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Nicholas J. Moss, MD, MPH

Health Officer of the County of Alameda

August 6, 2021

Dated August 6, 2021