



## HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 20-17

ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA DIRECTING ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

**DATE OF ORDER: November 17, 2020**

**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 § 120295, *et seq.*; Cal. Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1))**

**Summary of Order:** This Order supplements the existing Shelter-in-Place Order number 20-15, which continues in effect as to all provisions except as described in this Order. This Order suspends the operation of provisions in Order 20-15 relating to “Essential Businesses” and “Additional Businesses and Activities Permitted” until further notice. This suspension is necessary to bring the County’s permissions and restrictions into alignment with the State’s [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) for Counties in the Purple Tier of the State’s reopening framework. Individuals are directed to the [Blueprint](#) to determine the permissions and restrictions applicable to particular activities. The Health Officer may revise these Orders 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 SUSPENDS Section 14.f and Appendix C of Shelter-in Place Order No. 20-15 (the “October 21 Order”) until further notice. This Order directs all individuals within the County to continue to shelter-in-place and to ensure social distancing and limit person-to-person contact to reduce the rate of transmission of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”). The State of California has returned the County to the most-restrictive tier of its framework for recovery. This Order establishes restrictions on individuals, businesses and activities to bring the County into alignment with the restrictions, terms, and conditions imposed under the Purple Tier of the State’s [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). This Order only suspends Section 14.f and Appendix C of the October 21 Order; all other provisions and Appendices of that Order remain in full force and effect. This Order also does not impact any other Health Officer Order issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on November 18, 2020, all activities and businesses currently permitted within the County through Section 14.f and Appendix C of the October 21 Order shall be limited to the status and capacities identified by the State of California in

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(Effective November 17, 2020)



its [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), unless further restricted by this Order or other Orders of the County's Health Officer. As of November 16, 2020, the State has returned the County to the most restrictive Purple Tier. Activities and businesses currently permitted in the County that are not permitted in the Purple Tier must close until the State moves the County into a less-restrictive tier. Individuals are directed to review the State's COVID-19 [website](#) for specific guidance on the terms and conditions imposed on specific activities and businesses.

3. Any educational institution that currently provides in-person education may continue to do so. After 12:01 a.m. on November 18, 2020, no additional schools may open for in-person instruction. The County will not consider requests for waivers from schools at this time. Schools that are not open are encouraged to use the State's school-based small cohort guidance.
4. Notwithstanding the capacities allowed by the State in its [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#): Places of worship and providers of religious and cultural ceremonies may only perform services outdoors, and attendance must be limited to no more than 100 people. Post-event receptions are prohibited.
5. Except as expressly suspended in this Order, the remainder of the October 21 Order shall continue in full force and effect, including those provisions relating to:
  - a. Social distancing requirements
  - b. Face covering requirements
  - c. Restrictions on gatherings
  - d. Creation of Site-Specific Protection Plans
  - e. Essential activities, except for the enumeration of Essential Businesses, Outdoor Businesses, and Outdoor Activities; Individuals are directed to the State's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) to determine the terms and conditions under which they may engage on those activities
  - f. Travel
6. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code Section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all Chiefs of Police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.



7. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on November 18, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until it is rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
8. 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 (acphd.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

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. J. Moss".

November 17, 2020

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Nicholas J. Moss, MD, MPH  
Health Officer  
County of Alameda

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Date