



HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 22-04

ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA RESCINDING ORDER 21-05 MANDATING VACCINATIONS FOR WORKERS EMPLOYED IN SPECIFIED SETTINGS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12:01 a.m., September 7, 2022

Summary of Order: This Order rescinds County of Alameda Health Officer Order no. 21-05, which mandated vaccinations for workers employed in specified settings. By rescinding Order 21-05, the County aligns itself with the State, following California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Order regarding vaccinations. County residents, visitors, and workers will be bound by that state [Order](#).

Background:

COVID-19 continues to circulate in Alameda County, and reported infections and hospitalizations remain above pandemic lows. However, conditions have improved steadily since the peak of the latest wave and rates of death and intensive care unit hospitalization have been much lower than those observed during past waves. Masks continue to be required for everyone in high-risk health care settings by order of the [State Health Officer](#), and they prevent COVID-19 transmission in such settings. Vaccination remains highly effective at preventing severe disease from COVID-19 but effectiveness against any infection wanes, even after booster vaccination. In addition, with overall improvements in severe outcomes despite increasing return to pre-pandemic activities, the use of local health officer orders to set COVID-19 policy must be reserved for only the most critical situations. COVID-19 prevention should continue to be prioritized among those who work with populations at risk of severe COVID-19 outcomes.

ORDER

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. 21-05, which mandated vaccination for workers employed in specified settings. As of the effective date of this order, Order No. 21-05 will no longer be in effect. State Public Health Orders remain in effect and are not impacted by this rescission.
2. Nothing in this Order is intended to or does prohibit individuals in any setting from obtaining vaccinations. Indeed, the Health Officer strongly recommends vaccination and



keeping up to date on all vaccinations.

3. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on September 7, 2022 and will continue to be in effect until it is rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer. 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 will apply.
4. 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.
5. 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 horizontal line.

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

September 6, 2022

Date