

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ("Board") proclaimed, pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code ("LACC"), the existence of a local emergency because the County of Los Angeles ("County") was affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity due to conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising as a result of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, in the County;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Health Officer issued a declaration of local health emergency due to the occurrence of COVID-19 in the County;

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8634 and LACC Section 2.68.150 empower the Chair of the Board, during a proclaimed local emergency, to promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life or property;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines have been developed to help combat the spread of COVID-19 and prevent people from getting seriously ill from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the County is now experiencing increased spread due to the highly transmissible Delta variant, which now comprises more than 94% of sequenced cases in the County;

WHEREAS, there are many residents who are not fully vaccinated, including over three million vaccine-eligible residents and one million residents currently ineligible, who are especially vulnerable to the spread of the Delta variant;

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2021, the State of California announced a requirement that all State employees must provide proof of vaccination or submit to at least weekly testing, and encouraged localities and businesses to implement similar programs;

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2021, the California Department of Public Health ("CDPH") issued an order requiring workers in high-risk health care and congregate settings to provide proof of vaccination or submit to at least weekly testing;

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2021, the Los Angeles County Health Officer issued a Health Officer Order, which incorporated by reference, the July 26, 2021 CDPH order requiring workers in high-risk health care and congregate settings to provide proof of vaccination or submit to at least weekly testing;

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2021, the Department of Justice released a Memorandum Opinion stating that Section 564 of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act does not prohibit public or private employers from imposing vaccination requirements for a vaccine that is subject to an emergency use authorization;

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2021, Los Angeles County led by example by being the first in the nation to reinstitute a masking requirement for public indoor settings, which would soon after be emulated in varying degrees by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State of California, and other localities across the country;

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2021, President Biden announced that he would direct the Department of Defense to look into how and when they will add the COVID-19 vaccination to the list of required vaccinations for members of the military;

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2021, President Biden announced every federal government employee and onsite contractor will be asked to attest to their vaccination status, and those who do not must comply with testing at least once per week, a masking requirement, physical distancing from other employees and visitors, and restrictions on official travel;

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which set a date of October 1, 2021 for public agencies to transition back to public meetings held under the Brown Act;

WHEREAS, the County plans on reopening its buildings to the public on October 1, 2021, and the County has a strong interest in protecting its employees and the public from COVID; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 8634, and in the interest of public health and safety, it is necessary to issue the following order for the protection of life and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Office of County Counsel and the Departments of Human Resources and Public Health, establish a mandatory vaccination policy, effective immediately, which requires all County employees to provide proof of full vaccination by October 1, 2021; and
2. The Chief Executive Officer engage with the County's labor partners regarding the effects of the vaccination policy.

Date: August 4, 2021



Hilda L. Solis
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors