

**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2020-11.6  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**HOSPITALS & LICENSED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY VISITOR RESTRICTIONS FOR  
THE CONTROL OF COVID-19**

**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. 2020-11.5 IS RESCINDED BY THIS HEALTH  
OFFICER ORDER 2020-11.6**

**EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2020 5:00 PM PDT**

Nothing in this Health Officer Order supersedes State Executive Orders, State Public Health Officer Orders, or California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance. COVID-19 guidance provided by the CDPH is available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>.

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2020, the California Department of Public Health issued comprehensive All Facilities Letter guidance that regulates visitor restrictions for hospitals and licensed residential facilities. Thus, the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer finds Health Officer Order 2020-11.5 ordering visitor restrictions is no longer necessary for the control of COVID-19 in the County of Santa Barbara.

**ACCORDINGLY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDERS:**

1. Health Officer Order 2020-11.5 is rescinded effective November 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (PDT). This Order applies in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County ("County"). Hospitals and licensed residential facilities that were previously subject to Health Officer Order 2020-11.5 should follow Federal and State laws, regulations, and guidance as appropriate for their facility type.

This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference: the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in the County; the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors ratifying the County Declaration of Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Emergency regarding COVID-19; the guidance issued on March 11, 2020 by the California Department of Public Health regarding large gatherings of 250 people or more; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 of March 12, 2020 preparing the State to commandeer hotels and other places of temporary residence, medical facilities, and other facilities that are suitable as places of temporary residence or medical facilities as necessary for quarantining, isolating or treating individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had a high-risk exposure and are thought to be in the incubation period; the March 13, 2020 Presidential Declaration of a National Emergency due to the national impacts of COVID-19; the guidance issued on March 15, 2020 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials through the United States and around the world recommending the cancellation of gatherings involving more than fifty (50) or more persons in a single space at the same time; the March 16, 2020 Order of the State Public Health Officer prohibiting all gatherings with expected presence above ten (10) individuals; and

Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 of March 19, 2020 ordering all persons to stay at home to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19; the March 22, 2020, Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster in California beginning on January 20, 2020 under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Incident 4482-DR-CA; Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-60-20 of May 4, 2020 to allow reopening of lower-risk businesses and spaces ("Stage Two"), and thereafter to allow reopening of higher-risk businesses and spaces ("Stage Three"), and directing the State Public Health Officer to establish criteria and procedures to determine whether and how particular local jurisdictions may implement public health measures that depart from the statewide directives; the July 13, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order; and the August 28 State Public Health Officer Order named California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe (also known as the Blueprint for a Safer Economy).

This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101040 and 120175; Health and Safety Code sections 101030 et seq., 120100 et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, 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.

The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code sections 101029 and 120295, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. Per Health and Safety Code section 101029, "the sheriff of each county, or city and county, may enforce within the county, or the city and county, all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. Every peace officer of every political subdivision of the county, or city and county, may enforce within the area subject to his or her jurisdiction all orders of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. This section is not a limitation on the authority of peace officers or public officers to enforce orders of the local health officer. When deciding whether to request this assistance in enforcement of its orders, the local health officer may consider whether it would be necessary to advise the enforcement agency of any measures that should be taken to prevent infection of the enforcement officers."

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Public Health Department; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department's website ([publichealthsb.org](http://publichealthsb.org)); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



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Health Officer

Santa Barbara County Public Health Department