

**ORDER OF THE VENTURA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER**  
**AMENDING PRIOR ORDER TO ALLOW CERTAIN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES**  
**AND ACTIVITIES TO REOPEN INDOOR OPERATIONS PURSUANT TO**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH ORDER SYSTEM AND ADDITIONAL**  
**DIRECTIVES**

**Effective Date: October 6, 2020, at 12:01 p.m.**

**Please read this Order carefully.** On August 28, 2020, the California State Health Officer amended the State’s health orders to revise the structure of the health orders from one based on a monitoring list for counties to a system based on tiers tied to public health data. Effective October 6, 2020, the County of Ventura has been placed in Tier 2 of the State’s health order system, which allows specified businesses to reopen for indoor operations, provided they comply with strict safety protocols set out in the State’s health orders. The County Health Officer has determined that the current public health data and status of COVID-19 in the County reasonably support the opening of businesses as allowed under the State’s health order.

ACCORDINGLY, AS DIRECTED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101030, 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, AND ARTICLE XI OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, THE VENTURA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER (“HEALTH OFFICER”) HEREBY ORDERS:

1. **Rescission.** Subparts (a), (b) and (e) of section 1 of the Order of the Ventura County Health Officer issued July 13, 2020 (effective July 14, 2020), are hereby rescinded. Gyms and fitness centers, worship services and personal care services may operate indoors in the County so long as they comply with State or, when more restrictive, County public health orders.
2. **Laboratory Reporting Requirements.** Any entity performing SARS-CoV-2 testing on a patient who resides in Ventura County is required to report both positive and non-positive results to the Ventura County Public Health Department within eight (8) hours through the state communicable disease surveillance system. In addition, each provider shall ensure that all demographic information, including race and ethnicity, is included in the lab order and verified for accuracy. This information is required to assure that the public health department has accurate surveillance data necessary to identify health inequities.

3. **All Requirements Set Forth in the County of Ventura FAQ's Are Directives of the County Health Officer.** Due to the quickly evolving nature of local health conditions and State orders, the County Health Officer has determined that the public would be best served by utilizing FAQ's that can be easily accessed by members of the public and quickly updated by the Health Officer as circumstances warrant. Therefore, all FAQ's on the County of Ventura website at [www.venturacountyrecovers.org](http://www.venturacountyrecovers.org) shall be deemed to be a directive of the County Health Officer.
4. **Compliance.** The violation of any provision of this Order, the County's FAQ's or any State public health order constitutes a threat to public health and a public nuisance per se. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the County Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order.
5. **Violation May Constitute Unfair Competition.** Any person that, after notice, operates, manages, maintains or occupies or continues to operate, manage, maintain or occupy, any business in violation of this Order, the County's FAQ's or a State public health order may, in addition or in the alternative to any other civil and criminal penalties allowed by law, be subject to liability under the Unfair Competition Law (chapter 5 of part 2 of division 7 of the Business and Professions Code, commencing at section 17200), and subject to civil penalties and other relief as provided therein, for each act or practice in violation of this Order, the County FAQ's, a State public health order, any predecessor order, or any of them.
6. **More Restrictive Provisions of Local and State Orders Enforceable.** This Order is issued to supplement orders issued by the State of California, which establishes minimum requirements for individuals and businesses. Where a conflict exists between a local Order and any State public health order, the more restrictive provision controls.
7. **Applicable to Entire County.** This Order applies to all persons in the cities and the entire unincorporated area of the County.
8. **Effective Date and Time.** This Order shall become effective and operative at 12:01 p.m. on October 6, 2020, and will continue to be in effect until rescinded, superseded or amended in writing by the County Health Officer. All prior orders that have not been previously rescinded and are not rescinded by this Order remain in effect.
9. **Copies of Order.** Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of Ventura Public Health Office, 2240 East Gonzalez Road, Suite 210, Oxnard, California, 93036; (2) posted at [www.venturacountyrecovers.org](http://www.venturacountyrecovers.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

10. **Severability.** 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.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

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**Robert Levin, M.D.**  
**Ventura County Health Officer**

Dated: October 6, 2020