

**ORDER OF THE VENTURA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER  
EXTENDING AUGUST 20, 2021 ORDER REQUIRING ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE  
COUNTY TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN ALL INDOOR PUBLIC SETTINGS AND  
BUSINESSES FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19**

**DATE OF ORDER: October 18, 2021**

**Please read this Order carefully.** On August 20, 2021, the Ventura County Health Officer, in alignment with state and federal authorities, issued an Order directing all individuals in the County, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face coverings in all indoor public settings and businesses, with limited exceptions, for the control of COVID-19. The Order was issued following a surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Ventura County caused by the increased circulation of the highly transmissible Delta variant (SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 – Delta variant). The Order was extended on September 17, 2021 until 11:59 p.m. on October 19, 2021, or until otherwise extended, rescinded, superseded or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

The Health Officer has determined that the current public health data and status of COVID-19 in the County reasonably support extending the August 20, 2021 Order. The Order is necessary to control and reduce the rate of community spread and to reinforce the need for safe interactions. Public Health continues to monitor transmission rates, hospitalizations, deaths and vaccination rates throughout the County and will continue to reevaluate the requirements going forward. COVID-19 data can be monitored at [www.vcrecovers.org](http://www.vcrecovers.org).

ACCORDINGLY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101030, 101040, 101085, AND 120175, CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 8630 AND 8665, AND TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, THE VENTURA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER (“HEALTH OFFICER”) HEREBY ORDERS:

**1. Effective Date and Time.** The August 20, 2021 Order of the Ventura County Health Officer “Directing All Individuals in the County to Wear Face Coverings in All Indoor Public Settings and Businesses for the Control of COVID-19,” effective and operative at 11:59 p.m. on August 20, 2021, and extended on September 17, 2021, is again extended and will continue to be in effect until:

(1) Ventura County reaches the moderate (yellow) [COVID-19 transmission tier](#), as defined by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (a daily case rate of 7 per 100,000), and remains there for at least three weeks; and

(2) COVID-19 hospitalizations in the County are low and stable, in the judgment of the Health Officer; and

(3) eight weeks have passed since a COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized for emergency use by federal and state authorities for 5 to 11-year-olds or 80% of the County’s total eligible population is fully vaccinated with two doses of Pfizer or Moderna or one dose of Johnson & Johnson (booster doses not considered);

Or until the Order is extended, rescinded, superseded or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

**2. Additions and Clarifications to Order.** The Exemption set forth in paragraph 6.g. of the August 20, 2021 Order: “Performers at indoor live events such as theater, opera, symphony, and professional sports may remove face coverings while actively performing or participating, though such individuals should maximize physical distancing as much as practicable” is clarified and expanded to include public speakers under the definition of performers. Persons speaking before a live audience may remove face coverings while speaking, though such individuals should practice maximum physical distancing as much as practicable. Further amendment and clarification to the Order may be set forth in the County of Ventura’s FAQs. Due to the quickly evolving nature of local health conditions and State orders, the Health Officer has determined that the public would be best served by utilizing FAQs that can be easily accessed by members of the public and quickly updated by the Health Officer as circumstances warrant. Therefore, all FAQs on the County of Ventura website at [www.vcrecovers.org](http://www.vcrecovers.org) shall be deemed a directive of the Health Officer.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**



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

Dated: October 18, 2021