

To: Board of Supervisors  
County Executive Office  
Clerk of the Board

From: Dr. Robert Levin, Ventura County Health Officer

Date: September 21, 2021



Re: Recommendation regarding Social Distancing and Continued Remote Meetings of  
Legislative Bodies

I strongly recommend that physical/social distancing measures continue to be practiced throughout our Ventura County communities to minimize the spread of COVID-19, including at meetings of the Board of Supervisors and meetings of other legislative bodies of the County of Ventura.

California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>). Additionally, the CDC has established a “Community Transmission” metric with 4 tiers designed to reflect a community’s COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity. Ventura County currently has a Community Transmission metric of “high” which is the most serious of the tiers.

Whether vaccinated or not, positive individuals are contracting the Delta variant and infecting others in our communities. Social distancing and masking are crucial mitigation measure to prevent the disease’s spread. Remote meetings of legislative bodies of the County, including but not limited to the Board of Supervisors, are a recommended form of social distancing that allows for the participation of the community, staff, presenters, and legislative body members in a safe environment, with no risk of contagion. It is recommended that legislative bodies of the County continue to implement 100% remote meetings.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.