

## APPENDIX W: MANDATORY DIRECTIVE ON TRAVEL

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Unfortunately, the incidence of COVID-19 is at significantly high levels in Los Angeles County, the State of California and in many states and countries. Persons entering Los Angeles County, including County residents, from anywhere outside of the Southern California Region (Region) may increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission through additional exposures to infected individuals during travel, through shared conveyance such as air, bus or rail, and inter-mingling with non-household members.

**This directive is in furtherance of the State's Travel Advisory, which provides both that Californians stay home or in their Region and avoid non-essential travel and persons who arrive into any Region of California self-quarantine for 10 days after arrival.**

Please note, that where there is a difference between the local County Order and the State Order, the more restrictive order must be followed. The State also has specific guidance for certain activities that must be followed in addition to this mandatory directive.

**Information on the State's Order and State guidance is available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/>.**

**In light of significant increases in COVID-19 cases, associated hospitalizations and premature deaths across the United States, the State of California, and within Los Angeles County, this Mandatory Directive on Travel is in effect until it is rescinded or modified.**

This Directive establishes the County Health Officer's rules for mandatory quarantine after non-essential travel. The risk of COVID-19 transmission increases as people have contact with persons from other households and other communities, especially through travel to areas with significant COVID-19 transmission. Any additional introduction of this virus into the community from travel can magnify the spread of the disease at a time when hospitals' capacity to care for the seriously ill is already threatened. One important way to lower transmission associated with travel is by limiting the movement of people who arrive in the County and may be carrying the virus. Therefore, the County Health Officer has established this mandatory directive related to travel. Except as provided in paragraph 3, **this Directive applies to all non-essential travelers who enter into Los Angeles County, whether residents or non-residents, from anywhere outside the Southern California Region.**



This Directive is mandatory, and failure to follow it is a violation of the County Health Officer's Revised Temporary Targeted Safer At Home Order for Control of COVID-19: Tier 1 Substantial Surge Updated Response (Revised Temporary Order).

## Travel Is Discouraged

### 1. The County Health Officer discourages travel, especially for non-essential purposes.

- a. Because travel involves mixing of persons between regions and households, and because so many areas of the State and United States are also currently experiencing significant surges in COVID-19 cases, travel is discouraged and should be minimized.
- b. In particular, all non-essential travel (i.e., travel for leisure or for non-essential business) is strongly discouraged and should be postponed until after the current surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations subsides. The latest local data is available here:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/data/index.htm>

## Mandatory Quarantine after Long-Distance Travel into Los Angeles County

### 2. Quarantine Requirements

- a. Except as otherwise provided in this Directive, all persons traveling into Los Angeles County, whether by air, car, train, or any other means, directly or indirectly from a point of origin outside the Southern California Region, defined as the counties of Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura, must quarantine for at least 10 days after arrival.
- b. For the purposes of this Directive, "quarantine" means staying at home or another place of temporary shelter and away from contact with others, including those in one's household (unless they are also under quarantine), for a period of 10 days. Quarantine may end after Day 10 if the traveler(s) never had any symptoms and they must continue to monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days after arrival.
- c. Information, resources, and guidance on quarantine, including recommendations on when to get tested and what to do in the case of the development of symptoms or a positive test result, are available at:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/covidquarantine/>.



**3. Exemptions from Mandatory Quarantine.** Subject to the limitations on their travel set forth in this section, the following persons are exempt from the quarantine requirements of this Directive:

- a. Licensed healthcare professionals and all persons commuting or traveling to perform work at a health facility, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 1250, in the County.
- b. Any person that is commuting to or traveling solely in the course of performing an Essential Government Function.
- c. Any person commuting to or traveling solely in the course of performing work for Essential Infrastructure, where that work cannot be done via remote methods.
- d. Any person traveling solely for the purpose of performing or training for essential critical infrastructure work, as defined by the State Public Health Officer, which includes but is not limited to essential travel for work and study, critical infrastructure support, economic services and supply chains, health, immediate medical care, and safety and security, but only to the extent that the employer determines that it would otherwise lack sufficient staffing to perform or train for such work.
- e. Persons solely transiting through Los Angeles County and not staying overnight are not required to quarantine.
- f. Persons traveling to Los Angeles County to obtain medical or dental treatment services from a health facility, are required to quarantine upon arrival, but may leave their household or place of quarantine to obtain those services.
- g. Any person providing care to any minors, dependents, elderly persons, or persons with disabilities and whose travel was solely for the purpose of providing that care.
- h. Any person who is a member of a professional or collegiate sports team, including team staff, who travels solely for away games, competitions and/or training, for which the team or league has an existing, approved Health and Safety Plan.
- i. Personnel of a film or media production operating within the County, when traveling to the County solely for purpose of employment with the film or media production.
- j. Persons who are otherwise required to quarantine pursuant to this Directive may leave their household or place of quarantine to the extent necessary to comply



with a court order, to make an appearance in a court of law or administrative proceeding, or as required by law enforcement.

- k. All persons exempt from mandatory quarantine requirements must monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days after arrival, and if they should develop symptoms during that period, must isolate themselves following instructions available here:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/covidisolation/>

## Notification Requirement for Transit Facilities

### 4. Notification Requirements

- a. All transit facilities, including but not limited to airports, train stations, bus stations, and other facilities where persons may be regularly traveling into Los Angeles County must prominently post notices in such a manner that all persons transiting through such facilities will become aware of the requirements of this Directive. Notices are available to print here:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/reopening-la.htm#orders>

## Stay Informed

Please note that this Directive may be updated. For up-to-date information on the Health Officer Order, visit the County Public Health Department's website at

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>.

