HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19
Public Health Emergency Quarantine Order

Date Order Issued: April 1, 2020
This Order is in effect until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER

California is in a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a substantial danger to the health of the public within the County of Los Angeles. COVID-19 can easily spread between people who are in close contact with one another. Individuals in close contact with a person diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19 may easily become infected and spread it even if they have only mild symptoms. There is no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19 and no specific treatment for its symptoms. Everyone is at risk for becoming ill with COVID-19, but some people are more vulnerable to serious illness, including pneumonia, organ failure, or death, due to their age, physical state, and/or health status.

In order to help slow COVID-19's spread, protect vulnerable individuals, and prevent the healthcare system in Los Angeles County from being overwhelmed, it is necessary for the County of Los Angeles Health Officer ("Health Officer") to require the self-quarantine of persons exposed to a person diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19. Quarantine separates individuals who were exposed to COVID-19 from others, until it is determined that they are not at risk for spreading the disease. This protects everyone, including people who are high risk for serious illness, such as older adults and people with weakened immune systems. This Order supersedes the March 25, 2020 Public Health Emergency Quarantine Order.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, 120175, 120215, 120220, AND 120225, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:

All household contacts, intimate partners, caregivers, and close contacts who have been in close contact with a person diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19, as defined in this Order, must quarantine themselves. Persons quarantined are required to follow all instructions in this Order and the Public Health guidance documents referenced in this Order.

Quarantine Requirements for Household Contacts, Intimate Partners, Caregivers, and Close Contacts of Persons with or Likely to Have COVID-19

A person is considered to be a close contact of a person with or likely to have COVID-19 if they (a) were within six (6) feet of a person who has or is likely to have COVID-19 for more than ten (10) minutes or (b) had unprotected contact with the body fluids and/or secretions (such as being coughed on/sneezed on, shared utensils or saliva or provided care without wearing protective equipment) of a person who has or

is likely to have COVID-19, within 48 hours before that person's symptoms began and until that person is no longer required to be isolated.

All individuals who know that they have been in close contact, as a household member, an intimate partner, a caregiver outside of a healthcare setting, or other close contact, as defined above, with a person diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19 are required to take the following actions:

- **Be quarantined in their home or another residence until 14 days from the last date that they were last in contact with the person who has or is likely to have COVID-19**. Self-quarantine is necessary because an individual is at high risk for developing and spreading COVID-19, if that individual has had close contact, as defined above, with a person who has:
  a) A positive lab test for COVID-19,
  b) Signs and symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19 (i.e., fever, cough, shortness of breath or trouble breathing), OR
  c) Been informed by a physician that they are likely to have COVID-19.

  Individuals are required to quarantine themselves for the entire 14-day COVID-19 incubation period, the typical time between exposure and when symptoms and signs of the disease may develop. Quarantined persons may not leave their place of quarantine or enter any other public or private place during the period of quarantine, except to receive necessary medical care.

- **Carefully review and closely follow all requirements listed in the "Home Quarantine Guidance for Close Contacts to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)," which is available in English, Spanish, and other languages.**

- **If a quarantined person becomes sick with fever, cough, or shortness of breath (even if their symptoms are very mild), to protect others from COVID-19, they should isolate themselves at home and away from other people and follow the "Home Isolation Instructions for People with Coronavirus-2019 (COVID-19) Infection," which is available in English, Spanish, and other languages.** This is because they are likely to have COVID-19 and if so, can spread it to others.

The Health Officer may take additional action(s), which may include civil detention at a health facility or other location, to protect the public's health if an individual who is subject to this Order violates or fails to comply with this Order. Violation of this Order is also a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both. (Penal Code § 120295, et seq.; Los Angeles County Code § 11.02.080.)

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Muntu Davis, M.D., M.P.H.
Health Officer, County of Los Angeles

Date: April 1, 2020