



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA  
REPEALING PRIOR ORDERS THAT IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON CONGREGATE  
LIVING FACILITIES AND CERTAIN LICENSED HEALTHCARE AND OTHER  
RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19  
VIRUS**

**ORDER NO. HO-COVID19-41**

**DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 8, 2021**

**Summary of the Order**

This Order of the Health Officer rescinds Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-15, as amended by Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-19, and Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-21 (collectively the “Prior Orders”), effective immediately.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040 and 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

- 1. Basis of Order.** On May 29, 2020, the Health Officer issued Health Officer Order No. COVID19-15, which required congregate living facilities in Contra Costa County, to follow specified testing, collaboration, reporting and guidance requirements of the Contra Costa County Health Department for the purpose of reducing the risk of transmission of the virus that causes Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”). On June 22, 2020, Health Officer Order No. COVID19-19 was issued to amend the above order, requiring additional testing and placement of residents into cohorts based on test results. On June 26, 2020, the Health Officer issued Health Officer Order. No. COVID19-21, which imposed requirements on licensed healthcare facilities and specified communal residential facilities aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19, including screenings, keeping entry and exit logs, masking and social distancing, and communal dining restrictions.

The above referenced orders were issued because, in the absence of applicable State regulations at the time, local restrictions were necessary to protect persons working and residing in these facilities from the spread of COVID-19. Since then, regulations have been adopted by the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of



Community Care Licensing and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. For this reason, the above referenced orders are no longer necessary.

2. **Rescission of Prior Orders.** HO-COVID19-15, as amended by Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-19, and Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-21 are hereby rescinded.
3. **Effective Date and Time.** This Order takes effect immediately upon issuance.
4. **Copies; Contact Information.** Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the Office of the Director of Contra Costa Health Services, 1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 200, Martinez, CA 94553; (2) posted on the Contra Costa Health Services website (<https://www.cchealth.org>); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order. Questions or comments regarding this Order may be directed to Contra Costa Health Services at (844) 729-8410.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**



Chris Farnitano, M.D.  
Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa

March 8, 2020

