

**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Health Officer Order No. C19-07n**

**Summary of Changes (November 10, 2020)**

Today the Health Officer issued an amendment to the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order implementing temporary rollbacks in some businesses and activities that have been allowed to open. Attached are the amended Order, related amendments to the companion health directives, and a “redlined” copy of the Order marked to show the changes from the previous order issued on November 3.

San Francisco is now experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases and meets the criteria to fall within a more restrictive tier under the State’s blueprint for a safer recovery. Without changes that demonstrate objective signs of improvement San Francisco risks movement backwards. Accordingly, the Health Officer is restricting and or suspending certain activities summarized below. Those rollbacks become effective at 11:59 p.m. on Friday November 13. Also, the amendments to the Order make clear that if the surge continues, the Health Officer may further restrict and suspend other businesses and activities, beginning with additional indoor activities including, for instance, indoor religious services and cultural ceremonies at houses of worship, indoor retail, indoor museums, aquariums and zoos, indoor personal services and non-essential office. And if the surge in COVID-19 cases is reversed, the Health Officer will consider lifting the restrictions and suspensions to the extent supported by the COVID-19 Indicators and emerging scientific data, information, and evidence.

The rollbacks are as follows:

- **SUSPENDED.** Indoor dining in all business settings must temporarily close, including indoor dining in foot courts in enclosed shopping centers, in museums, aquariums and zoos, in hotels and other lodging facilities, and in gyms and fitness centers and cafeterias in office buildings.
  - Dining establishments, including restaurants and bars that serve meals, as well as dining establishments in all the business settings described above, may operate for take-out or outdoor dining consistent with the Order and health directives.
- **REDUCED CAPACITY.** Indoor movie theaters must reduce capacity to 25% or 50 people, whichever is fewer (reduced from 25% or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
- **REDUCED CAPACITY.** Indoor gyms and fitness centers must reduce capacity to 25% or 50 people, whichever is fewer (reduced from 25% or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
  - This reduction also covers indoor climbing walls.

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- SUSPENDED. Approval by the Health Officer of applications for high schools to reopen for indoor in-person education is suspended for the time being.
  - But high schools that have already opened and are providing indoor instruction may continue to do so. High schools that have approved applications but have not reopened must pause and not reopen. High schools interested in operating outdoor in-person programs should visit <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/covid-19/schools-education.asp> or email the Schools and Childcare Hub at [schools-childcaresites@sfdph.org](mailto:schools-childcaresites@sfdph.org) for more information. And the Department of Public Health will continue to work with them to prepare for indoor in-person instruction when the pause is lifted.

In connection with the increase in COVID-19 cases and the upcoming holidays, the Health Officer, in coordination with health officers from other Bay Area counties, has also issued a travel advisory. That advisory recommends against non-essential travel outside the Bay Area. It further recommends that if people do travel outside the Bay Area, they self-quarantine for 14 days after returning if their activities while travelling put them at higher risk of getting COVID-19, such as having a close contact or travelling by plane, bus or other vehicles with passengers not in their households. And it recommends people take precautions if hosting visitors from outside the Bay Area. For more details, see <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/covid-guidance/COVID-Travel-Advisory.pdf>.