



COVID 19 UPDATE: SAFER AT HOME ORDER AMENDMENTS

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**NO MASK MANDATE
AFTER APRIL 9, 2021**

Youth Summer Camps

- Social Distancing
- Comply with previous order guidelines to refrain from:
 - High-fives
 - Handshakes
 - And other physical contact except to the extent necessary
 - Only players, coached, and officials to participate directly in athletic activities
 - Wear facial coverings when within 6 feet of another except when directly engaged in sports activities
 - No sharing water bottles, cups or other drinking devices

Hospitals & Similar Institutions

- Beginning March 6, Hospitals and Long-term Care Facilities may
 - Allow up to 2 care-givers to accompany patients while receiving care
 - Allow up to to 2 visitors per patient/resident
 - Subject to:
 - Reasonable restrictions based upon the county positivity rates
 - Facilities COVID-19 status
 - Patient/Resident's COVID-19 Status
 - Caregiver/visitor's symptoms
 - Other COVID-19 restrictions set by federal regulations

Federal Guidance for Visitation by Entity

- For hospitals: “Hospital Visitation – Phase II Visitation for Patients who are Covid-19 Negative” issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 26, 2020, and available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-hospital-visitation-phase-ii-visitation-covid-negative-patients.pdf>.
- For nursing homes: “Nursing Home Visitation – COVID-19” issued by CMS on September 17, 2020, and available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh.pdf>.
- For assisted living facilities and specialty care assisted living facilities: “Nursing Home Visitation – COVID-19” issued by CMS on September 17, 2020, and available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh.pdf>, with the exception of the requirement that “resident and staff testing [be] conducted as required at 42 CFR 483.80(h).”

Restaurants and similar establishments

- Employees must wear mask when serving patrons
- Buffets, salad bars, and self-serve drink stations may resume operation as long as they maintain 6 feet between patrons
- This change does impact K-12 school cafeterias

**SAFER AT HOME
ORDER GOOD
UNTIL 5:00PM
APRIL 9, 2021**

Vaccination Tidbits

- Because of lymph node enlargements after receipt of vaccination that may cause false indications during mammography this procedure should be delay until two weeks post vaccination to reduce the likelihood of having to repeat procedure
- Report any side-effects from vaccination at: <https://vaers.hhs.gov>