Department of Health and Human Services
Communicable Disease Surveillance and Control Division
2525 Grand Ave. Long Beach, CA 90815
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ORDER OF QUARANTINE

The Long Beach City Health Officer knows or has reason to believe that you have been exposed to measles, a very contagious communicable disease, and that you represent a potential health risk to the public. To prevent the spread of this disease and based on authority given to the City Health Officer in the California Health and Safety Code, you are ordered, effective on receipt of this Order, to be quarantined at your home or your usual place of shelter. **You may not leave or have visitors until 21 days from your exposure date, or until release by the City Health Officer.**

Quarantine involves remaining at home or at another specified location, preferably having no contact with others who have not been screened and determined to have immunity to measles, until the end of your quarantine period or until you provide evidence of immunity (documentation of two doses of MMR immunization or a positive measles IgG blood test). Quarantine for measles usually lasts up to 21 days from the date of last exposure, at which time you are no longer a risk for developing the disease and spreading measles to others. Being in quarantine also involves closely monitoring for any symptoms that may indicate onset of illness. Violation of this Order is a violation of law that may result in jail or fines or both. **If you develop fever (101°F or more), cough, runny nose, or red eyes, with or without rash, immediately call 562-500-5537.**

If you believe that you have not been exposed to this disease or you believe that the conditions of quarantine are not appropriate, you may object by mailing a written complaint to the City Health Officer on a form you can obtain by calling 562-570-4302. Your objection will be reviewed by an independent health care professional. If this review supports quarantine, then you may request an administrative hearing or you may seek a writ of habeas corpus.

SO ORDERED: CITY OF LONG BEACH, Health Officer
2525 Grand Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90815

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Acting City Health Officer

RESOURCES: Measles FAQ: English | Spanish

CODE: Section 120175 of the Health and Safety Code states: “Each health officer knowing or having reason to believe that any case of the diseases made reportable by regulation of the department, or any other contagious, infectious or communicable disease exists, or has recently existed, within the territory under his or her jurisdiction, shall take measures as may be necessary to prevent the spread of the disease or occurrence of additional cases.”

VIOLATIONS: Section 120220 of the Health and Safety Code states: “When quarantine or isolation, either strict or modified, is established by a health officer, all persons shall obey his or her rules, orders, and regulations”.

Section 120275 of the Health and Safety Code states: “Any person who, after notice, violates, or who, upon the demand of any health officer, refuses or neglects to conform to, any rule, order, or regulation prescribed by the department respecting a quarantine or disinfection of persons, animals, things, or places, is guilty of a misdemeanor”.

Section 120280 of the Health and Safety Code states: “Inasmuch as the orders provided for by Section 121365 are for the protection of the public health, any person who, after service upon him or her of an order of a local health officer as provided in Section 121365 violates or fails to comply with the order, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction thereof, in addition to any and all other penalties that may be imposed by law upon the conviction, the person may be ordered by the court confined until the order of the local health officer shall have been fully complied with or terminated by the local health officer, but not exceeding one year from the date of passing judgment upon the conviction, further, the court, upon suitable assurances that the order of the local health officer will be complied with, may place any person convicted of a violation of the order of the local health officer upon probation for a period not to exceed two years, upon condition that the order of the local health officer be fully complied with, further, upon any subsequent violation of the order of the local health officer, the probation shall be terminated and confinement as provided for in this section shall be ordered by the court. Confinement may be accomplished by placement in any appropriate facility, penal institution, or dwelling approved for the specific case by the local health officer”.

Section 120290 of the Health and Safety Code states: “Except as provided in Section 120291 or in the case of the removal of an afflicted person in a manner the least dangerous to the public health, any person afflicted with any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease who willfully exposes himself or herself to another person, and any person who willfully exposes another person afflicted with the disease to someone else, is guilty of a misdemeanor”.

ENFORCEMENT: Section 41601 of the Government Code and Sections 100106 and 101029 of the Health and Safety Code authorize the Long Beach Police Department to execute this order.

PENALTIES: Section 19 of the Penal Code states: “Except in cases where a different punishment is prescribed by any law of this State, every offense declared to be a misdemeanor is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by both”.