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**RESCISSION OF HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR THE CONTROL  
OF COVID-19**

Rescission of Order Requiring  
Masking of Healthcare Workers  
Date Order Issued: August 11, 2023  
Effective Date: August 11, 2023

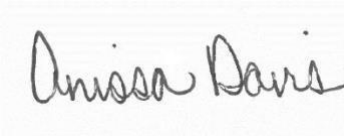
The order of the Long Beach City Health Officer "Requiring Masking of Healthcare Workers" is rescinded effective 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023.

**CONTINUED RECOMMENDATIONS:** As COVID-19 continues to spread, people have little choice about their potential exposure when they seek care, and many, especially those who are older and have health problems, are at greater risk of severe illness and death from a respiratory infection.

To reduce these risks, it is strongly recommended that workers in designated Healthcare Facilities (i.e., general acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, other types of ambulatory care settings, pre-hospital care settings, and direct care and home care settings) continue to wear a surgical mask or respirator while taking care of and interacting with patients/clients and when in patient care areas where patients/clients are present. This can both lower the risk of workers getting infected from patients and for workers passing their respiratory infection to patients/clients.

It is also still strongly recommended that patients/clients and visitors wear a surgical mask or respirator in these designated Healthcare Facilities. Any business or organization may require everyone to wear a mask, as appropriate.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Anissa Davis, MD, DrPH,  
Health Officer, City of Long  
Beach Date: August 11, 2023