



AMENDED DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGULATING CERTAIN BUSINESSES AND FACILITIES & GENERAL DIRECTIVES CONCERNING LIMITING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Pursuant to Health General Article § 18-102 (b), § 18-103 and COMAR 10.06.01.06

MDH No. 2021-06-15-01

I, Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary of Health, finding it necessary for the prevention and control of 2019 Novel Coronavirus and the disease that it causes (“SARS-CoV-2” or “2019-NCoV” or “COVID-19”), and for the protection of the health and safety of patients, staff, and other individuals in Maryland, hereby authorize and order the following actions for the prevention and control of the spread of this infectious and contagious disease that endangers public health in this State.

This Amended Directive and Order replaces and supersedes the Directive and Order Regulating Certain Businesses and Facilities & General Directives Concerning Limiting the Spread of COVID-19 dated May 14, May 12, May 04, April 28, and March 09, 2021.

1. Face Coverings Requirements (Effective until 12:00 A.M. July 1, 2021)

In addition to the requirements to wear face coverings described in Section III of the Executive Order 21-05-14-01 (“Executive Order”) and subject to the same exceptions described in the Executive Order, all persons in Maryland over the age of five (5) years old are required to wear a Face Covering when they are in the following facilities:

- A. Indoors at any childcare facility licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education; or
- B. Indoors at any youth camp certified by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH).

i. Section 1.B does not apply to:

- a. an individual in a youth camp cohort composed exclusively of individuals who are fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine authorized for emergency use by the U. S. Food and Drug

Administration, and a record of the individual's vaccination is provided to the camp; or

- b. an individual in a household cohort ([as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)) at a residential or overnight youth camp in settings involving only their cohort, and appropriate screening, testing, and additional prevention measures [as recommended by the CDC](#) are implemented by the youth camp.
- C. All unvaccinated individuals should continue to wear face coverings in all indoors settings outside of their home and in outdoor settings when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- D. Section 1 shall cease to be effective at 12:00 A.M. on July 1, 2021.

2. Medical Adult Day Care Centers

All licensed medical adult day care centers shall follow all applicable federal and state regulations and COVID-19 specific guidance and the Executive Order with regards to wearing Face Coverings, hand hygiene, physical distancing and ventilation.

- A. All individuals who are attending the facility for in-person services shall be fully vaccinated before receiving in-person services.
- B. All staff members shall be offered the opportunity to be vaccinated and are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated.
- C. Facilities shall develop and implement reopening plans for their individual facility. The plans shall address the following considerations, in alignment with CDC guidelines where applicable: Employee and Participant Screening, Social Distancing, Personal Hygiene, Cleaning and Disinfecting Areas, Universal Masking, Personal Items, Activities and Outings, Meal Service, Visitation, PPE Maintenance, Medical Appointments, Infection Control, and Procedures for Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- D. This Section shall cease to be in effect as of 11:59 P.M. on August 15, 2021.

3. Rescinded, Superseded, Amended, or Revised Orders and Notices:

- A. The following Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Orders have been

rescinded as of June 15, 2021 and have ceased to be effective:

- i. Maryland Department of Health Recommendations for Infection Control & Prevention of COVID-19 in Facilities Serving Older Adults (March 10, 2020).
- ii. [MDH Order No. 2020-06-10-03](#) (“Amended Directive and Order Regarding Swimming Pools”). All pool operators are directed to follow all applicable federal guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on this subject and best practice recommendations from the relevant national pool organizations.
- iii. [MDH Order No. 2020-06-12-02](#) (“Amended Directive and Order Regarding Youth Camp Programs”). All youth camp operators are directed to follow all applicable federal guidance [by the CDC](#) on this subject and, where applicable, the [Response to a Confirmed Case of COVID-19 and Persons with COVID-19 Symptoms in Schools](#) from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and MDH (updated May 2021 or as updated).
- iv. [MDH Order No. 2020-11-17-03](#) (“Amended Directive and Order Regarding Food Service Establishments”). Please see MDH Advisory-Indoor Food Service, Retail, and Personal Service Establishments for more information.
- v. [MDH Order No. 2020-11-17-04](#) (“Amended Directive and Order Regarding Community, Recreational, Leisure, Cultural, and Sporting Gatherings and Events.”).
- vi. [MDH Order No. 2020-10-01-03](#) (“Amended Directive and Order Regarding Assisted Living Program Matters”) All assisted living programs should follow all applicable federal guidance from CDC and CMS.
- vii. [MDH Medicaid COVID-19 Order #2](#) (To Adult Medical Day Care Providers (Type 42), “Temporary Closure of Adult Medical Day Care Facilities, Interim Guidance, and Administrative Per Diem Rate). Please see Section 2 of this Directive for specific guidance for providers on reopening.

B. The following MDH Orders shall cease to be effective and are rescinded as of 12:01 A.M., July 1, 2021:

- i. [Directive and Order Regarding Notification of Certain Persons about Exposure to 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#), issued March 30, 2020.
- ii. [Directive and Order Regarding Establishment of Response Teams](#), issued April 19, 2020.
- iii. [Directive and Order Regarding Certain Licensed Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities](#), issued May 8, 2020.
- iv. [Order Waiving Certain Environmental Health Fees](#), issued May 27, 2020.

C. The following MDH Orders shall cease to be effective and are rescinded as of 11:59 P.M., August 15, 2021:

- i. [Directive and Order Regarding the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists](#), issued April 6, 2020.
- ii. [Directive and Order Regarding the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists](#), issued May 8, 2020.
- iii. [Amended Directive and Order for Identification and Retention of Non-Congregant Settings](#), issued May 27, 2020.

D. **All other COVID-19 MDH Directives and Orders, Provider Bulletins, Guidance Documents, or correspondence related to COVID-19**, including for the Medical Assistance Program, Behavioral Health Administration, Developmental Disabilities Administration, the Operations Administration, or the Public Health Services, **shall cease to be effective and are terminated as of 11:59 P.M. on August 15, 2021**, or unless otherwise specifically extended.

4. **Termination of this Order**

This Directive and Order shall cease to have effect and be rescinded at 12:00 A.M. on August 15, 2021, or unless extended.

5. **Severability**

If any provision of this Directive and Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of this Directive and Order or Guidance shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Directive and Order are severable.

THESE DIRECTIVES AND ORDERS ARE ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2021 AND ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis R. Schrader". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Dennis R. Schrader
Secretary