

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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March 17, 2020

TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CALLS FOR SERVICE CONCERNING THE MAYOR'S PUBLIC ORDER REGARDING COVID-19 ("CORONAVIRUS") TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS

PURPOSE:

This Notice establishes procedures for officers responding to complaints of violation of the March 15, 2020 Mayor's Public Order which places temporary restrictions on certain locations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BACKGROUND:

On March 15, 2020, Mayor Eric Garcetti issued a Public Order pursuant to emergency authorities vested in him during a period of declared Local Emergency titled, *New City Measures to Address COVID-19*, which institutes temporary restrictions to stop large numbers of people from gathering and remaining in close proximity to one another. The restrictions are effective through March 31, 2020, unless extended or terminated sooner.

Pursuant to the Public Order, the following establishments within the City of Los Angeles are temporarily closed to the public:

- All bars and nightclubs that do not serve food;
- All movie theatres, live performance venues, bowling alleys, and arcades;
- All gyms and fitness centers;
- All private social clubs; and,
- Restaurants, bars, and retail food facilities serving food to dine-in customers.

Restaurants, as well as bars and nightclubs that serve food, may continue to prepare and offer food to customers via delivery service or take-out. Cafeterias in hospitals, nursing homes, or similar facilities will be allowed to continue operations.

Houses of worship are NOT affected by this executive order, but they are urged to limit large gatherings on their premises and to explore and implement ways to practice their respective faiths while observing social distancing practices. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and food banks will also be allowed to continue operations.

PROCEDURE:

Officers may respond to a call for service concerning a complaint that one of the listed establishments is continuing to operate in violation of the Mayoral Order. The City and Department recognize these necessary restrictions are a real-time response to address the dynamic and fluid health concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore, the primary mission of officers is to educate and obtain voluntary compliance from managers or business owners acting in violation of the Order. As such, officers shall resolve the incident in the following manner:

1. Inform and educate the manager or business owner about the required temporary closures.
2. If, based on officers' observations, a violation of the Public Order is occurring, attempt to gain voluntary compliance from the manager or business owner to become compliant with the Public Order.
3. If the manager or business owner refuses to comply with the Public Order, request a supervisor and warn the manager or business owner that continued operation may result in a complaint application being submitted to the Office of the City Attorney for prosecution consideration for violation of Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 8.77.

Note: Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 8.77, makes it a misdemeanor for any person during a local emergency to do any act forbidden by any lawful rule, regulation, order or directive issued pursuant to this chapter if such act is of a nature as to imperil the lives of other inhabitants of this City.

4. The responding supervisor shall attempt to gain voluntary compliance with the Public Order from the manager or business owner.
5. If the supervisor cannot obtain compliance, he or she may direct the responding officer(s) to complete a Complaint Application, Form 05.15.00, describing the establishment that violated the Public Order, the time of initial response, the approximate number of persons occupying the establishment, the time of the warning, and the time of the supervisor response. Statements and actions of refusal should be included, when applicable.

Consistent with Department Manual Section 3/579.15, *Objectives of Body Worn Video*, these interactions shall be captured on Body Worn Video.

Should the expiration date of these temporary closures be changed, the Department Operations Center, Communications Division, will distribute new details.

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