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CITY OF EL PASO HEALTH AUTHORITY ORDERS AND GUIDANCE FOR PARADES AND OTHER OUTDOOR GATHERINGS

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The situation regarding COVID-19 in El Paso, Texas is continuously evolving and with the presence of community spread of COVID-19 in our community, the City of El Paso Department of Public Health's (DPH) Local Health Authority is issuing the following Orders and Guidance that must be followed to reduce the risk of exposure to and infection with COVID-19, as well as the protective measures which must be undertaken at parades and other outdoor activities in El Paso County with the aim of protecting the health and well-being of all residents.

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Transmission of coronavirus in general occurs much more commonly through respiratory droplets than through contact with contaminated surfaces, but it is possible to get infected if one touches a contaminated surface and then touches their nose, eyes, or mouth. The risk of transmission appears to be proportional to the closeness and frequency of interaction between an infected individual and others who are not infected.

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Parades and other outdoor mass gathering events are part of many traditions that have been passed from generations and are intended to celebrate a specific event or holiday. However, these large events may lead to increase transmission of the virus, putting large amounts of people at risk of becoming infected.

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Social Distancing and Other Public Health Interventions

- Parades should be held taking into account appropriate social distancing of at least 6-ft between participants.
- Parades should limit the number of participants to no more than 500 participants. For parades that will accept more than 500 participants, the Local Health Authority will evaluate the current COVID-19 situation and determine what additional restrictions may be necessary.
- Permits for parades greater than 500 participants should be solicited at least 30 days in advance to allow proper situation evaluation.
- All parade participants, volunteers and staff should wear a form of face covering.
- Discourage parade participants, volunteers, workers and the public in general from greeting others with physical contact (e.g., handshakes). Include this reminder on signs about social distancing.
- It is prohibited to toss any objects to the public or share any items between participants.
- The Event organizer should designate and staff an area separate from the general public and parade route for people that are feeling sick. Parade organizers should be ready to provide face coverings to those who are ill and being cared for in the designated sick bay.
- Event organizer should include in their marketing to public that ill and at-risk individuals should stay at home.
- The Event organizer should require all participants to submit a health survey (i.e., screening for signs or symptoms as listed in the grid under “Staff” below) to the Event organizer within 48 hours of the parade; do not allow any person to participate in the parade with new or worsening signs or symptoms as listed in the grid under “Staff” below.

Staff

- Parade organizer must adopt and implement a health screening policy for all staff and volunteers, and establish protocols for

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employee/volunteer exclusion if they develop any of the following symptoms:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Cough	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeated shaking with chills	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of taste or smell
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chills	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/>	Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Headache
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing		

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- Parade organizer should consider using a touchless infrared thermometer to check the temperature of employees/volunteers each day.
- Employees/volunteers with a temperature above 100°F or with any of the above symptoms are recommended to be sent home.
- Do not allow employees or volunteers with new or worsening signs or symptoms as listed above to return to work until:
 - In the case of an employee/volunteer who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: No fever without the use of fever-reducing medications for at least 3 days (72 hours); **AND**
 - The individual has significant improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); **AND**
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or

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- In the case of an employee or volunteer who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above;

or

- If the employee/volunteer has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.

- All employees/volunteers must wear a face covering while at work and interacting with other employees and public in general.
- Employees should wash hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use disinfectant hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Employees may consider using gloves and should be encouraged to wash hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use disinfectant hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Staff assigned to sick bay area should wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) of at least N95 mask, gloves and eye protection.

Sanitation

- Clean and disinfect surfaces and equipment routinely throughout the event.
 - Consider use of wipeable covers for electronics.
 - If no manufacturer guidance is available, consider the use of alcohol-based wipes or spray containing at least 70% alcohol to clean equipment buttons and touch screens.
- Practice hand hygiene frequently: wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily

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available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

- Parade organizers should supply sanitation stations at least 1 per 100 people and make at least 10% of those stations ADA accessible.
- Parade organizers should supply portable restrooms at least 1 per 100 people and make at least 10% of the restrooms ADA accessible.
- Ensure bathrooms at the event are supplied adequately with soap, water, and drying materials so that the public in general and staff can wash their hands as recommended.
- Event organizer must ensure adequate amount of trash receptacles are placed along the route.
- The Event organizer should provide an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for use if hand washing station is not in close proximity. Consider placing the alcohol-based hand sanitizer in visible, frequently used locations such as registration desks, water stations, sick bay, etc.
- Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces: including tables, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.
- Frequently disinfect surfaces that may be contaminated with germs with EPA-approved products effective against emerging viral pathogens to include the virus that causes COVID-19. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, use of personal protective equipment). A list of products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens is available.

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