



San Diego County Sheriff

Training Bulletin

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Enforcement of the Isolation and Quarantine Public Health Orders

The San Diego County Public Health Order, continuing until further notice, orders persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or who are likely to have COVID-19, to comply with the Order of the Health Officer titled: "Isolation of All Persons with or Likely to have COVID-19." Additionally, persons who have a close contact with a person who either has COVID-19, or is likely to have COVID-19, is required to comply with the Order of the Health Officer titled: "Quarantine of Persons Exposed to COVID-19." Both orders are available on the County website.¹ If a more specific isolation or quarantine order is issued to a person, that order shall be followed.

Enforcement of "Isolation of All Persons with or Likely to have COVID-19" and "Quarantine of Persons Exposed to COVID-19" Orders

If a person has been diagnosed with, or is likely to have COVID-19, that person must follow the Isolation Order and remain at his or her residence. Individuals are required to isolate if any of the following apply: 1) a positive lab test for COVID-19; 2) signs and symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19; or 3) a physician has informed the individual that they are likely to have COVID-19. *The person may only leave to receive necessary medical care.*

If a person has had "close contact" with a person who has been diagnosed with, or is likely to have COVID-19, that person must follow the Quarantine Order and remain at his or her residence. A "close contact" is defined as a contact with a COVID-19 patient that occurs anywhere between 48 hours before the persons symptoms began, and until the person is no longer required to be isolated, where the person was within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes, or had unprotected contact with the body fluids or secretions. The quarantined person may leave to receive necessary medical care, or to participate in a necessary activity.

If an individual is not abiding by the general Isolation or Quarantining Order, responding law enforcement must:

- Determine if the person is positive and if the self-isolation period has ended. Epidemiology can be contacted on the first responder line Monday through Friday from 0800-1700 at [REDACTED]. After hours, an answering service will take a message for the on-duty health officers at [REDACTED].
- Identify how the individual has violated the PHO.
- Educate the individual and inform them that they need to isolate at their residence per the PHO and that they are subject to citation or arrest for the violation.
- Document the contact in CAD notes and include the address they provided for self-isolation.

¹ https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/health-order.html#AdditionalHealthOrders

If the same individual is contacted again regarding a violation of the PHO, responding law enforcement should:

- Issue a citation to the individual if appropriate.
- If it appears this individual will NOT abide by the PHO, contact the EOC Law Branch Coordinator via the Communications Center to attain a PHO specific to the individual at a listed address. You will be asked to articulate the above actions before the Law Branch Coordinator is contacted. Once that is verified you will be able to move to the next step.
- Serve the individual with the PHO and document in CAD.

If the same individual fails to stay at the listed residence on the PHO, responding law enforcement should:

- Issue a citation and contact the on-call Care and Shelter Branch coordinator to arrange housing at the designated Public Health Hotel. (Number will be with Communication Centers as it is not meant for public)
- Contact the EOC Law Branch Coordinator via the Communications Center to attain a PHO specific to the individual at the listed Public Health Hotel address.
- Ensure on-site law enforcement is aware of the placement.
- Serve the individual with the PHO, document it in CAD, and transport the individual to the Public Health Hotel.

If the same individual fails to stay at the listed Public Health Hotel, responding law enforcement should:

- Issue a citation and contact the Law Branch Coordinator via the Communications Center to attain a PHO which lists "any and all San Diego County Sheriff's Department detention facilities or guarded hospital facilities as designated by the Sheriff of San Diego County" as the location of isolation or quarantine.
- Contact the jail watch commander and notify them that you have an individual who requires secure isolation or quarantine. Advise the watch commander of the basis for which the subject is being isolated or quarantined.
- Transport the subject to secure location provided by the jail watch commander.
- The County of San Diego will release the individual upon the expiration of the PHO unless there are other criminal charges pending.

Each law enforcement agency is responsible for submitting completed citations and related reports to the District Attorney for review and issuance.

Health and Safety Code section 120295 makes it a misdemeanor to violate the quarantine or isolation orders established by a local health officer. Deputies may issue a citation for a violation of this section in order to gain compliance with a directed quarantine order.

Care should be taken to ensure proper PPE is utilized and the health and safety of the public and our employees is protected.