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On March 19, 2020, the City's Health Officer issued a Public Health Emergency Order to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 within Long Beach. The City's Health Officer has revised the Quarantine Order from time to time, as necessary, to protect public health and safety during this ongoing emergency. On April 21, 2022, the City's Health Officer issued revisions to the Quarantine Order. The revised Quarantine Order (attached) issued includes:

· Quarantine is no longer required for close contacts, regardless of vaccination status, unless they live or work in a high-risk setting.

· Close Contacts who live or work in a high-risk setting and are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated, and who have not been infected with COVID-19 within the prior 90 days, are required to quarantine in accordance with
CDPH's "Guidance for Local Health Jurisdiction on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public."
· The "Close Contact" definition was updated to a person who shared the same indoor airspace (e.g., home, clinic waiting room, airplane) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period with a COVID-19
positive person during their infectious period.

On May 12, 2020, the City Council adopted Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) Chapter 8.120, "Temporary Enforcement of Long Beach Health Orders Related to COVID-19," which became effective immediately as an urgency Ordinance. Chapter 8.120 requires, where

practicable, the City Council to confirm COVID-19 Health Orders for the sole purpose of authorizing the City Manager's promulgation of such Health Orders. In the event it is not feasible to do this, Chapter 8.120, as amended on January 19, 2021, requires the City Manager to, within 14 days of promulgation of said Health Orders or at the next duly noticed public meeting of the City Council, request the City Council to confirm the City Manager's promulgation of the Health Order. The City Manager's promulgation of the Health Order, and City Council's confirmation of such orders, authorizes enforcement authority of the Health Orders under the Proclamation of Local Emergency and provisions of Chapter 8.120.

This process recognizes the potential need for the City's Health Officer to quickly amend or update, and the City Manager to promulgate as a regulation under the LBMC, City Quarantine Orders that protect life and property as affected by the COVID-19 emergency. The process allows for the City to respond to the rapid development of COVID-19, while ensuring the City Council maintains oversight of the COVID-19 local emergency and the City Manager's promulgation of related orders.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson and by Budget Manager Grace H. Yoon on April 28, 2022.

STATEMENT OF URGENCY

LBMC Chapter 8.120 requires the City Manager to, within 14 days of promulgation of said Quarantine Orders or at the next duly noticed public meeting of the City Council, request the City Council to confirm the City Manager's promulgation of the Quarantine Order. The Quarantine Order was revised and promulgated on April 21, 2022.

EQUITY LENS

The City has incorporated the Equity Toolkit into the City's Emergency Operations Center, as requested by the City Council on April 21, 2020. The revised Quarantine Order takes the City's equity approach into consideration when the Quarantine Order is drafted and implemented. The City's enforcement model for compliance with the Quarantine Order prioritizes education with the community first.

City Council action is requested on May 3, 2022. Confirmation by the City Council of the revised Quarantine Order is a requirement of LBMC Chapter 8.120.

The full fiscal impact of the implementation and enforcement of the revised Quarantine Order is unknown at this time, due to the unprecedented and quickly changing nature of the response to the pandemic. The Quarantine Order and its amendments have an inherent impact on the health of the community and economic activity of Long Beach. There is substantial evidence provided through various public City reporting that the Quarantine Order and its amendments are positively impacting the health and safety of Long Beach residents; and, there is substantial evidence, also provided through other public documents issued by the City, that the Quarantine Order and its amendments are negatively impacting the economy and the City's financial status. As the Quarantine Order is modified from time to time, the modifications are intended to ensure compliance with State directives and to strike a

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balance, appropriate at the time of modification, between the safety and well-being of residents and other important considerations such as economic impacts. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

Approve recommendation.

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