

VARIANCE TO STAGE 2 OF CALIFORNIA'S ROADMAP TO MODIFY THE STAY-AT-HOME ORDER



COVID-19 VARIANCE ATTESTATION FORM

FOR Berkeley Local Health Jurisdiction

California has 61 local health jurisdictions, including 58 County health jurisdictions and 3 city health jurisdictions (Pasadena, Long Beach and Berkeley). Each of these local health jurisdictions is independent and has its own regulatory responsibility and authority for its own residents. As counties advance through the Stages of California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap, it is the intent of the California Department of Public Health that each of the three city local health jurisdictions coordinate with the respective county health jurisdictions in which the cities lie (Los Angeles County for Pasadena and Long Beach, and Alameda County for Berkeley). With city health officer approval, the city health jurisdiction may reopen any of those sectors reopened by the health jurisdiction of the county in which the city is located. The city health jurisdiction is not obligated to reopen all sectors reopened by the county and is not precluded from moving slower than the county health jurisdiction, if the city health officer determines it is appropriate based on local data and conditions.

I, Lisa B. Hernandez, hereby attest that I am duly authorized to sign and act on behalf of the City of Berkeley. I have reviewed the Variance Attestation Form for the Alameda County Department of Public Health and am familiar with its contents, including the strategies and plans set forth or referenced therein. My local health jurisdiction agrees to coordinate with the Alameda County Department of Public Health, our City Council, hospitals, health systems, and a broad range of stakeholders in my jurisdiction to implement coordinated plans and strategies as Berkeley moves through California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap. Berkeley, as an independent local health jurisdiction, at all times reserves the right to make decisions concerning reopening any sectors or the necessity for closing any previously reopened sectors within my local health jurisdiction. Because of the epidemiological characteristics of COVID-19 and movement of populations between the Berkeley Public Health Jurisdiction and the surrounding Alameda County Public Health Jurisdiction, I agree that if it is necessary for the Alameda County Department of Public Health to stop the process of reopening, or to close a previously reopened sector, I will direct my local health jurisdiction to do so as well. I acknowledge that I remain responsible for coordinating with the Alameda County Department of Public Health and that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), by providing technical guidance, is in no way assuming liability for the coordination. Further, I attest that my local jurisdiction has a containment plan.

I understand and consent that CDPH will post this information on the CDPH website and it is a matter of public record.

Printed Name Lisa B. Hernandez, MD, MPH

Signature 

Position/Title City of Berkeley Health Officer

Date 07/13/2020