



**Public Health Department  
of Mendocino County**

*Healthy People, Healthy Communities*

Andy Coren, MD,  
County Health Officer



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO  
REQUIRING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (HOSPITALS, SNFs and LTCFs) TO  
ENROLL IN THE CALIFORNIA COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM AND REPORT  
COMPLIANCE TO MENDOCINO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BY MARCH 1, 2022**

**DATE OF ORDER: February 11, 2022  
EFFECTIVE UPON RELEASE**

**Please read this Order carefully. Violation or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both (Cal. Health & Safety § 120295, *et seq.*; Mendocino County Ordinance No. 4464; Cal. Penal Code § 19)**

**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE  
SECTIONS 10140, 101085, 120175 THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO HEALTH OFFICER  
ORDERS:**

1. In the past month, there have been outbreaks of COVID-19 in most of our health care facilities, including our hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), and Long Term Care Facilities (LTCFs) in Mendocino County with 159 active cases among staff as of the drafting of this order. Patients in SNFs and LTCFs remain at high risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 due to age, medical conditions, and weakened immune systems.
2. The State Public Health Officer has issued orders updated in December, 2021, requiring all health care workers (such as in our hospitals and SNFs, see [Health Order](#)) and all workers in Adult and Senior Care Facilities (such as in our LTCFs, see [Health Order](#)) to be fully vaccinated and boosted by March 1, 2022. Staff not yet eligible for boosters must obtain their booster no later than 15 days after they become eligible. In addition, testing must occur twice weekly for booster-eligible workers who have not yet received their booster and unvaccinated workers who meet the narrow exemptions (sincerely held Religious Beliefs or Qualifying Medical Reasons).
3. By this Order, the Health Officer requires all operators of hospitals, SNFs and LTCFs located in Mendocino County to be enrolled in the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program, have capacity to provide vaccine to patients and staff, and **attest by March 1, 2022 (and thereafter once monthly<sup>1</sup>)**, by e-mail to [DOC-Nursing@mendocinocounty.org](mailto:DOC-Nursing@mendocinocounty.org) and fax to (707) 472-2714, that the facility is in full

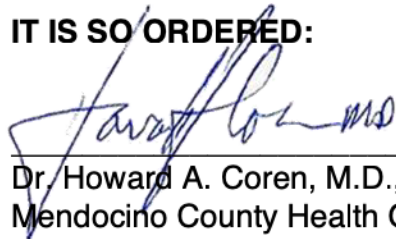
compliance with the applicable State Public Health Officer orders requiring vaccination of their staff. This e-mail/fax must include the following information:

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<sup>1</sup> on the first Tuesday of each month

- a. Total number of staff<sup>2</sup>;
  - b. Number of unvaccinated staff;
  - c. Number of staff eligible for boosters with documented boosters;
  - d. Number of staff eligible for boosters who have not yet received boosters;
  - e. Number of staff not yet eligible for boosters;
  - f. Number of exemptions issued (sincerely held Religious Beliefs or Qualifying Medical Reasons);
  - g. Affirmation of compliance with the testing and masking requirements of the State Public Health Officer orders (e.g., test for COVID-19 with either PCR or antigen test at least twice weekly for unvaccinated exempt workers and booster-eligible workers, and wear a surgical or NIOSH-approved higher-level respirator at all times while in the facility).
4. This Order shall become effective upon release, and will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
  5. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at County of Mendocino Executive Office, County Administration Building, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California 95482; (2) posted on the County website [www.mendocinocounty.org](http://www.mendocinocounty.org) and; or (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
  6. If any provision of this Order to the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**



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Dr. Howard A. Coren, M.D.,  
Mendocino County Health Officer

Dated: February 11, 2022

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<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this Order, "staff" is defined to include permanent staff only, and excludes travel nurses/medical professionals and temporary workers.