



**Order To
Revise Closures and Public Use Limits During
COVID-19 Emergency
Presidio of San Francisco, Area B
Title 36 CFR § 1001.5
Effective Date: October 8, 2020**

Pursuant to my emergency authorities as the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) of the Presidio Trust, I hereby issue this Order to revise the Closures and Public Use Limits during the COVID-19 Emergency. This Order applies to all lands administered by the Presidio Trust in the Presidio of San Francisco (otherwise known as Area B of the Presidio).

A. Background

Since March 16, 2020, the City and County of San Francisco (“CCSF”), by and through its Health Officer, has issued successive “shelter in place” or “stay safer at home” orders to reduce the impact of the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”).¹ Initially, the CCSF’s orders required residents to stay in their residences, with limited exceptions for essential businesses or activities. Over time, the CCSF has allowed the resumption of some businesses and activities under a phased reopening plan.² The CCSF “is resuming its reopening process in a measured, data-driven way, based on local health indicators and will initially be guided largely by the restrictions that apply to the Bay Area region as a whole.”³

The most recent CCSF order in effect, [CCSF Stay Safer at Home Order C19-07j](#), dated September 30, 2020, has eased many restrictions on activities with a lower risk of spreading the virus. This current order urges residents to stay in their residences to the extent possible and minimize trips and activities outside the home.⁴ It also allows people to engage in listed activities, including, for example, working for or going to certain businesses, engaging in certain governmental or essential activities, and engaging in listed outdoor activities, additional

¹ On March 16, 2020, the CCSF issued [CCSF Shelter in Place Order No. C19-07](#), and on April 17, 2020, the CCSF issued the supplementary [CCSF Face Coverings Order No. C19-12](#). The CCSF has since revised and replaced its shelter in place order several times, transitioned to a stay safer at home order, and revised and replaced its face coverings order. Available at: <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus-healthorders.asp>. Meanwhile, the State of California initially issued a Stay at Home Order and Public Health Order on March 19, 2020, followed by an Executive Order informing local health jurisdictions and industry sectors that they may gradually reopen under a new Public Health Order, and a Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Available at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>.

² The CCSF’s reopening plan is available at: <https://sf.gov/topics/reopening>.

³ [CCSF Stay Safer at Home Order C19-07j](#), at 3.

⁴ Violation of the CCSF’s order to individuals to stay in their place of residence to the extent possible is a crime. See, 18 U.S.C.S. § 13.

activities, and travel related to those activities. The CCSF intends to follow its reopening plan to loosen – or if need be tighten – restrictions as conditions warrant. The CCSF has also issued accompanying and successive Face Coverings orders (*see* [Face Coverings Order C19-12c](#) currently in effect) which generally require members of the public and workers to wear face coverings outside the home.

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak and the local shelter in place orders, on March 18, 2020, I issued the [COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency](#) declaring an emergency for Area B of the Presidio. To respond to the public health emergency, protect the health and safety of the Presidio community, and to be consistent with the recent CCSF mandates, I also issued successive orders to establish closures and public use limits in Area B of the Presidio.⁵

The Presidio Trust has been closely monitoring the CCSF orders, and accompanying directives and guidance, to generally align the operation of activities in the Presidio with that of the CCSF. This Order for Area B of the Presidio sets forth public use limits and closures that are consistent with the CCSF's effective order(s) which are expected to be revised periodically.

As the CEO of the Presidio Trust, I may revise this Order as the situation evolves. Individuals may stay updated by checking the Presidio Trust's website (<https://www.presidio.gov/coronavirus>) regularly. This Order adopts restrictions addressing the particular facts and circumstances in the Presidio, which are necessary to respond to the public health emergency as it is evolving.

B. Effective Date of This Order

The effective date of this Order is October 8, 2020.

C. Presidio Emergency Shall Continue Until Further Notice

The COVID-19 Emergency in Area B of the Presidio shall continue to remain in effect until further notice. I have taken, and will continue to take, all actions appropriate under the circumstances to maintain public health and safety within the Presidio in connection with this emergency, related activities, and resulting impacts on Area B, including, without limitation, the

⁵ This Order revises the previous emergency Orders for Area B of the Presidio, consisting of: the [Order to Revise the COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency and Closures and Public Use Limits](#), effective June 2, 2020 (revising public use limits to ease restrictions on outdoor activities with a lower risk of spreading the virus and authorizing a "Slow Streets" program); the [Order to Revise the COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency and Closures and Public Use Limits](#), effective May 4, 2020 (revising public use limits to ease restrictions on outdoor activities with a lower risk of spreading the virus); the [Order to Revise the COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency and Closures and Public Use Limits](#), issued April 22, 2020 (authorizing a weekend road closure program to reduce vehicular traffic and create more open space for physical distancing and requiring the wearing of face coverings under certain conditions in the Presidio); the [Order to Extend the COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency and Revise Closures and Public Use Limits](#), issued April 2, 2020 (revising and extending the declaration of emergency for Area B of the Presidio); the [COVID-19 Emergency Closures and Public Use Limits](#), version 2, issued March 27, 2020 (imposing closures and public use limits for Area B of the Presidio); the [COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency](#), issued March 18, 2020 (declaring an emergency for Area B of the Presidio); and the [Message from Jean S. Fraser, re "Shelter in Place" Order and Emergency Declaration](#), issued March 18, 2020 (providing supplementary information regarding the Declaration of Emergency and the CCSF's Shelter in Place Order).

actions listed in my [COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency](#), issued March 18, 2020, and this Order. The COVID-19 Emergency in Area B may be further extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended.

D. Revised Closures and Public Use Limits in the Presidio

To protect the health and safety of the Presidio community and to be consistent with the most recent CCSF orders, I hereby revise closures and public use limits imposed in Area B of the Presidio as follows:

- 1) Outdoor Recreation Public Use Limits: All outdoor recreation activities on lands administered by the Presidio Trust within the Presidio shall be restricted to only those recreation activities permitted by the CCSF in its effective order(s) which are expected to be revised periodically. Please consult the CCSF's website at <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus-healthorders.asp> for the order(s) in effect and important clarifications and restrictions on permitted recreation activities.

As of the effective date of this Presidio Order, individuals may engage in outdoor recreation activities in the Presidio such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, bicycling, running, sunbathing, and picnicking, provided the activities comply with all applicable law. These activities will be permitted in the Presidio until such time, if any, that the CCSF issues an order limiting such activities.

- 2) Requirements on Social Distancing, Face Coverings, and Gatherings: Individuals on outdoor lands administered by the Presidio Trust within the Presidio shall be required to:
 - a) Comply with the Social Distancing Requirements⁶ set forth by the CCSF in its effective order(s). As of the effective date of this Presidio Order, [CCSF Stay Safer at Home Order C19-07j](#) requires maintaining at least six feet between individuals who are not part of the same household; frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer; covering coughs and sneezes; wearing a Face Covering when out in public; and avoiding all interactions outside the household when sick with a fever, cough or other COVID-19 symptoms.
 - b) Wear Face Coverings as required by the CCSF in its effective order(s). As of the effective date of this Presidio Order, [CCSF Face Coverings Order C19-12c](#) generally requires everyone to wear a Face Covering when outside their residence if anyone other than members of their household or living unit is within six feet.
 - c) Comply with the limitations and restrictions on gatherings set forth by the CCSF in its effective order(s). As of the effective date of this Presidio Order, [CCSF Stay Safer at Home Order C19-07j](#) generally prohibits public and

⁶ Capitalized terms used in this section are defined in the cited CCSF orders.

private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household, except as expressly permitted in the order. This rule does not apply to activities and special uses permitted by the Trust, as described below in Section F.

Please consult the CCSF's website at <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus-healthorders.asp> for the effective orders and important clarifications and restrictions on Social Distancing Requirements, Face Coverings, and gatherings. The CCSF orders are expected to be revised periodically.

- 3) Closures of High-Touch Recreation Areas and Facilities: Playgrounds, shared picnic area facilities, and other outdoor recreation areas and facilities with high-touch equipment or that encourage gatherings on lands administered by the Presidio Trust within the Presidio may remain closed to all public access or be subject to use restrictions, as appropriate. All closures and use restrictions will be posted on site and the Presidio Trust's coronavirus webpage at: <https://www.presidio.gov/coronavirus>.
- 4) Closures of Roads and Parking Lots: Certain roads and/or parking lots on lands administered by the Presidio Trust within the Presidio may be closed to vehicles, as needed, to respond to public use patterns, or reduce crowding or congregation. All closures will be posted on site and the Presidio Trust's coronavirus webpage at: <https://www.presidio.gov/coronavirus>.

E. Presidio Slow Streets Program To Continue

As part of the Presidio Trust's efforts to provide open space for the public to engage in social distancing and reduce vehicular traffic in the Presidio during the COVID-19 emergency, the "Presidio Slow Streets" program will continue to be in effect throughout the COVID-19 emergency, or until further notice.⁷

Presidio Trust staff will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the program to ensure the transportation benefits of the program are not undermined by crowding or congregation. Based on that monitoring, the Presidio Trust may make adjustments to sections of roadways that are closed or restricted, adjust the times or duration of the program, or terminate the program, as deemed necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

The public will continue to be notified of the Presidio Slow Streets program with posted signage, advance messaging, and information on the Trust's website at <https://www.presidio.gov/coronavirus>.

⁷ The "Presidio Slow Streets" program is described in more detail in my [Order to Revise the COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency and Closures and Public Use Limits](#), effective June 2, 2020.

F. Permitting of Construction Activities, Businesses, Special Events, and Other Special Uses

In accordance with issued permits, contracts, and other written agreements, the Presidio Trust authorizes, among other things, construction activities, businesses, special events, and other special uses on lands administered by the Presidio Trust within the Presidio. These uses include, without limitation, commercial activities, camping at Rob Hill, ball field uses, summer and day camps, school instruction, and small and large gatherings for celebrations and meetings. The Presidio Trust is generally allowing these activities to operate consistent with CCSF's effective order(s). In order to address the dangerous conditions that may arise from the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, contractors, commercial tenants and licensees, and permittees are required to comply with preventive measures for the safety of persons within the Presidio, which may include, among other things, developing, submitting and operating under a specific health and safety plan.

This Order shall remain in effect until further notice, and may be extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended.

Date: October 7, 2020

/s/ Jean S. Fraser

Jean S. Fraser
Chief Executive Officer
Presidio Trust

Authorities: 16 U.S.C. § 460bb appendix; 36 CFR § 1001.5; [Board Resolution 04-14, Delegation of Emergency Powers to Executive Director](#); 36 CFR § 1001.3; 18 U.S.C.S. § 13 (Cal. Health and Safety Code § 120295, et seq.; Cal. Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1); San Francisco Admin. Code § 7.17(b)); etc. This Order is not intended to adopt or otherwise apply the CCSF's public health orders, or California state or local laws on lands administered by the Presidio Trust within the Presidio, except as expressly set forth herein or as assimilated through other applicable law.