



El Paso Department of Public Health

MAYOR

Dee Margo

CITY OF EL PASO HEALTH AUTHORITY ORDER FOR NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

CITY COUNCIL

District 1

Peter Svarzbein

July 27, 2020

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

District 2

Alexsandra Anello

This Order supersedes the June 15, 2020 Local Health Authority Directive for Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities.

District 3

Cassandra Hernandez

This Order is effective immediately and shall be in effect until terminated or modified by a subsequent Order.

District 4

Dr. Sam Morgan

In light of the presence of COVID-19 in our community, the Local Health Authority is issuing the following Order for Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities:

District 5

Isabel Salcido

1. All nursing homes and assisted living facilities shall adhere to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Opening Up American Guidance – PHASE 1 described in Attachment A.

District 6

Claudia L. Rodriguez

2. All nursing homes and assisted living facilities shall conduct full decontamination of a facility after a cluster (i.e. 2 COVID-19 positive persons or more) has been identified. A facility may submit a request for decontamination support to EOC-Logistics@elpasotexas.gov for consideration.

District 7

Henry Rivera

3. All nursing homes and assisted living facilities shall conduct baseline COVID-19 testing on all residents and staff.

District 8

Cissy Lizarraga

a. If the test results for all residents and staff is negative, facilities shall perform monthly testing for a period of three (3) months.

b. If at any point a facility identifies a positive case, weekly testing shall be performed.

CITY MANAGER

Tommy Gonzalez

FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THIS ORDER, INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS, IS A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF UP TO \$500.00.

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Health Authority City/County of El Paso, TX