



**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: July 12, 2021**

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

In response to the coronavirus disease (“COVID-19”) outbreak, 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 City and County of San Francisco (“CCSF”) mandates, I also issued successive orders to establish closures and public use limits in Area B of the Presidio.¹ The Federal government has also issued guidance and directives, including the President’s Executive Order 13991 of January 20, 2021, *Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing*, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) Order, on January 29,

¹ 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 October 8, 2020 (revising public use limits to ease restrictions on outdoor activities with a lower risk of spreading the virus and continuing the “Slow Streets” program); 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).

2021, requiring the wearing of face coverings by people on public transportation conveyances or on the premises of transportation hubs.²

According to public health experts, the public health threat from COVID-19 is decreasing in San Francisco County, the Bay Area, and the State. Most recently, the City and County of San Francisco (“CCSF”) issued [Safer Return Together Order No. C19-07y](#), effective June 15, 2021, which lifted local capacity limits on business and other sectors, local physical distancing requirements, and many other previous health and safety restrictions. The CCSF’s order continues to place certain safety requirements on individuals including masking requirements that are consistent with Federal law.

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), as well as Federal guidance and directives, 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/park-updates>) 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 July 12, 2021.

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 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.

² The CDC will be amending their order as soon as practicable, to no longer require that people wear masks while outdoors on conveyances or while outdoors on the premises of transportation hubs. *See*, <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html>.

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) Face Covering Requirements: Members of the public on lands administered by the Presidio Trust within the Presidio must follow Face Covering Requirements set forth in the CCSF's [Safer Return Together Order No. C19-07y](#). Please consult the CCSF's [Safer Return Together Order No. C19-07y](#) for important clarifications and restrictions. As of the Effective Date of this Order, individuals not fully vaccinated³ are required to wear a face covering in Federal buildings⁴ and in crowded outdoor spaces. In addition, all individuals regardless of their vaccination status, are required to wear face coverings when boarding and disembarking, and for the duration of travel, on public transit. Public transit in the Presidio includes the PresidiGo shuttles and buses operated by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

E. Presidio Slow Streets Program Authorized To Continue for 120 Days

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, in June 2020, I authorized a "Presidio Slow Streets" program. The Presidio Slow Streets program was launched during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, as a companion to the [CCSF's Slow Streets program](#), to create more space for visitors to walk, run, and bike safely in the park during the COVID-19 shelter in place order.

Throughout its implementation, the Presidio Trust has been tracking usage of the Presidio Slow Streets by pedestrians and cyclists with an on-site trail tracking system. The counts on the Presidio Slow Street network in December 2020 showed 3,000 people using the roadways during a weekday and 4,400 using the roadways during a weekend. Traffic counts at the Arguello Boulevard entrance show that as of May 2021, vehicular usage is 70% pre-pandemic levels, while pedestrian and bicyclist usage is 150% pre-pandemic levels. The reduction in automobile use and increase in active modes of transportation shows that the pandemic is changing how people get to and through the park. The Presidio Slow Streets program allows us to respond quickly to the increased demand for walking and biking as new travel patterns emerge from the pandemic.

As COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, access and space needs for park visitors, residents and employees are evolving. The Presidio Slow Streets have become widely used and could provide additional recreation opportunities with further study. Therefore, I hereby authorize the Presidio Slow Streets to continue for 120 days from the Effective Date of this Order for the Presidio Trust

³ In general, people are considered fully vaccinated: 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's vaccine. *See*, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html#vaccinated>.

⁴ "Federal buildings" means buildings or office space within buildings, owned, rented, or leased by the executive branch of which a substantial portion of occupants are Federal employees or Federal contractors. Executive Order 13991.

to evaluate the Presidio Slow Streets corridors and determine recommendations for a post-pandemic future.

For more information on the Presidio Slow Streets program, visit:
<https://www.presidio.gov/slow-streets>.

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

Through 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 Federal mandates and CCSF's effective order(s). To address concerns 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: July 12, 2021

/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. 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.