



**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: November 10, 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.<sup>1</sup> The Federal government has also issued guidance and directives, including but not limited to the President’s Executive Order 13991 of January 20, 2021, *Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing*.

According to the Health Officer of the City and County of San Francisco (“CCSF”), “even though more people are vaccinated in San Francisco and the region against the virus that causes COVID-19, there remains a risk that people may come into contact with others who may have COVID-19 when outside their residence. San Francisco has experienced a surge in new COVID-19 cases and an increase in hospitalizations, mostly among people who are not fully vaccinated.” Most recently, the Health Officer of the CCSF amended their [Safer Return Together Order No. C19-07y](#), to revise the universal face covering requirement for individuals in indoor public settings to include exemptions for stable groups that are 100% fully vaccinated in some controlled settings that meet certain health requirements, describe health and vaccination benchmarks by which the CCSF, in coordination with other Bay Area jurisdictions, will lift the indoor universal face covering requirement, and maintain face covering requirements in other settings such as public transit. The CCSF’s order continues to place certain safety requirements on individuals including masking requirements that are consistent with Federal and state law.

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<sup>1</sup> This Order revises the successive COVID-19 Emergency Orders for Area B of the Presidio, dated July 12, 2021, October 8, 2020, June 2, 2020, May 4, 2020, April 22, 2020, April 2, 2020, March 27, 2020, and March 18, 2020. For a compilation of the Presidio COVID-19 Emergency Orders, visit: <https://www.presidio.gov/park-updates>.

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 November 10, 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.

### **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](#), as it is revised from time to time. Please consult the CCSF's [Safer Return Together Order No. C19-07y](#) for important clarifications, restrictions, and updates. 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.
- 2) Entry into Federal Buildings: Contractors and visitors to Federal buildings are required to comply with safety protocols, including COVID-19 vaccination or testing requirements, pursuant to applicable Federal law, including but not limited to the President's Executive Order 13991 of January 20, 2021, *Protecting the Federal Workforce and*

*Requiring Mask-Wearing* and associated Safer Federal Workforce Task Force Agency Model Safety Principles, as they are revised from time to time.<sup>2</sup>

#### **E. Presidio Slow Streets Program Authorized To Continue through June 30, 2022**

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 | SFMTA](#), and used temporary traffic control devices to create more space for visitors to walk, run, and bike safely in the park during the COVID-19 shelter in place order.

The pandemic changed travel patterns within and through the park, even as regional pandemic-related travel and use restrictions have been gradually lifted. These changes have resulted in an increase in pedestrian and bicyclist use, and a reduction in automobile use, within the park. As of September 2021, at the Arguello Gate, the vehicular volumes are 22% lower than pre-pandemic levels, while pedestrian and bicycle volumes have increased 13% and 16%, respectively.

To respond to this sustained travel pattern change, the Presidio Trust is soliciting public feedback, collecting data, evaluating design alternatives, and designing permanent changes along the Slow Street network. Significantly modifying the current Slow Streets program during the evaluation period could damage the public trust needed to complete the project and compromise data collection. Furthermore, removing through-traffic restrictions and thereby allowing increased vehicle usage poses a risk to the pedestrians and cyclists now accustomed to walking and riding on Slow Streets roadway segments. I therefore authorize the Presidio Slow Streets to remain in place until the public outreach process and staff technical analysis is completed, which is expected no later than June 30, 2022.

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

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<sup>2</sup> “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. For more information, visit: <https://www.saferfederalworkforce.gov/faq/>. Entrance requirements will be posted at entries to Federal buildings.

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: November 9, 2021

/s/ Jean S. Fraser

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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.*