ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. C19-01

Please read this order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this order constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code §§ 120295, et seq.)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

1. Effective as of the date of this order, the administrative staff of Laguna Honda Hospital (“Hospital”) shall exclude from entry or access to its premises any non-essential personnel including, but not limited to, visitors of residents at the Hospital. Section 4, below, has an exception to this prohibition.

2. The Hospital shall also discourage non-essential resident movement onto and off of Hospital premises where feasible. In all situations when residents leave the Hospital premises, they are ordered to strictly comply with San Francisco Department of Public Health Social Distancing Protocols.

3. This order is being issued on the basis of scientific evidence and best practices as currently available to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus to the residents at the Hospital and to prevent any cases of COVID-19 from occurring at the Hospital to protect those residents from avoidable risk of serious illness or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19. The age, physical condition, and health of a significant majority of Hospital residents places those residents at high risk of experiencing serious health complications from COVID-19 infection, including death. This order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, the February 25, 2020 Proclamation by the Mayor Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency issued by Mayor London Breed, and the March 6, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) issued by the Health Emergency.

4. While restricting physical contact between residents and non-essential personnel, the Hospital shall make reasonable efforts, as defined by the Health Officer or their designee, to facilitate such contact by other means where such efforts will not otherwise interfere with the Hospital’s healthcare mission. Where, in the Health Officer or his designee’s sole discretion, the needs and context of a particular request for visitation or contact justify an exception to this order, the Health Officer or his designee shall arrange for such visitation while taking all reasonable measures to fulfill the healthcare mission of the Hospital and the intent of this order. Visitors permitted under this paragraph are ordered to comply with all conditions of visitation imposed by the Hospital at the time of entry or access to the Hospital premises.
5. This order is not intended to restrict first responder access to Hospital premises during an emergency calling for first responder services. Further, this order is not intended to restrict state or federal officers, investigators, or medical personnel from carrying out their lawful duties on Hospital premises. Visitors permitted under this paragraph are hereby ordered to comply with all conditions of visitation imposed by the Hospital at the time of entry or access to the Hospital premises when feasible.

6. For the purposes of this order, “non-essential personnel” are employees, contractors, or members of the public who do not perform treatment, maintenance, support, or administrative tasks deemed essential to the healthcare mission of the Hospital as defined by the Health Officer or their designee. For the purposes of this order, “non-essential resident movement” means travel off or onto Hospital premises only for specific treatment purposes of residents as defined by the Health Officer or their designee. For the purposes of this order, “premises” includes without limitation the buildings, grounds, facilities, driveways, parking areas, and public spaces within the legal boundaries of Laguna Honda Hospital, located at 375 Laguna Honda Boulevard, San Francisco, CA 94116.

7. This Order shall be effective until March 21, 2020, unless it is earlier rescinded, superseded, or amended by the Health Officer or by the State Public Health Officer, in writing.

8. Copies of this Order shall promptly be posted and provided by the Hospital as follows for the duration of this Order: (1) posted on the Hospital website (www.lagunahonda.org); (2) posted at all entrances to the Hospital; (3) provided to each Hospital resident; (4) provided to any authorized decision maker for each Hospital resident if not the resident; (5) provided to the Hospital Ombudsperson; and (6) offered to anyone who visits the Hospital or who contacts the Hospital seeking to visit.


A HOSPITAL RESIDENT OR THE RESIDENT’S AUTHORIZED LAWFUL REPRESENTATIVE MAY CONTACT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF ANY PART OF THIS ORDER BY CALLING (628) 217-8800.

IF THE RESIDENT OR THE RESIDENT’S AUTHORIZED LAWFUL REPRESENTATIVE OBJECTS TO THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE LIMITATION OF ACCESS CONTAINED IN THIS ORDER, THE RESIDENT OR LAWFUL AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE HEALTH OFFICER THROUGH THE FOLLOWING METHOD:

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Via email to: LHH.Administration@sfdph.org
Via facsimile to: 415-759-2374

Via overnight delivery or hand delivery to: 375 Laguna Honda Blvd
San Francisco, CA 94116
Attn: ADMIN.

THE HEALTH OFFICER WILL ENDEAVOR TO RESPOND REASONABLY PROMPTLY. THE LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY MAY NOT DELAY A RESPONSE. IF A RESPONSE IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT OF THE OBJECTION, THE OBJECTION MAY BE CONSIDERED NOT GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

[Signature]

Tomas Aragón, MD, DrPH,
Health Officer of the
City and County of San Francisco

Date: March 7, 2020