



Department of Public Health

MAYOR
Dee Margo

CITY OF EL PASO HEALTH AUTHORITY ORDER FOR RELEASE FROM HOME ISOLATION

CITY COUNCIL

District 1
Peter Svarzbein

July 27, 2020
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

This Order supersedes the April 3, 2020 Health Authority Orders for Release from Home Isolation.

District 2
Alexsandra Anello

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

District 3
Cassandra Hernandez

In light of the presence of COVID-19 in our community, the Local Health Authority is issuing the following Order for Release from Home Isolation:

District 4
Dr. Sam Morgan

For discontinuation of self-isolation, the Local Health Authority requires the use of the symptom-based method for those with symptoms during their infection or the time-based method for those who tested positive without symptoms. The test-based method is no longer recommended by the CDC.

District 5
Isabel Salcido

District 6
Claudia L. Rodriguez

District 7
Henry Rivera

District 8
Cissy Lizarraga

1. Symptom-based method (no severe illness or severe immunocompromise)

Maintain isolation until:

- At least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared* ; **AND**
- At least 1 day (24 hours) have passed **WITHOUT** fever and without the use of fever-reducing medications; **AND**
- Improvement in symptoms

2. Symptom-based method (severe illness or severe immunocompromise)

Maintain isolation until:

- At least 20 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*. **AND**
- At least 1 day (24 hours) have passed **WITHOUT** fever and without the use of fever-reducing medications; **AND**
- Improvement in symptoms

3. Time-based method (tested positive without symptoms)

Maintain isolation until:

- At least 10 days have passed since the date of their most recent positive COVID-19 diagnostic test **AND**

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- Continue without having any symptoms (assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.)
- If a case has a **severe immunocompromising condition** without symptoms, at least **20 days** should have passed *since the date of first positive specimen collected*.
- If an individual develops symptoms, then the symptom-based strategy shall be used based on the date of symptom onset.

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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