



Office of Statewide Health
Planning and Development

July 19, 2021

To: All Licensed Healthcare Facilities

Subject: Suspension and Restoration of Temporary Conditions

Pursuant to All Facilities Letter (AFL) 20-26.9 from California Department of Public Health (CDPH), issued on July 16, 2021, stating that CDPH provided 60-day advance notice that temporary waivers of specified regulatory requirements will expire on **September 30, 2021**. Facilities that have a continued need for flexibility can submit a Form 5000a (PSF) Emergency Program Flexibility request to CHCQDutyOfficer@cdph.ca.gov or Form 5000 (PDF) Program Flexibility request to their local district office. This AFL supersedes AFL 20-26.8 issued on May 17, 2021.

All other temporary changes of use or modification to the physical environment must be restored to original condition by **November 11, 2021** (six weeks after expiration of the waiver) in compliance with the code it was constructed under. Where such temporary changes are to be made permanent, projects must be submitted to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) for review and approval immediately whether the changes involve construction or not. Projects intended to be made permanent must meet all current California Building Standards Code requirements and brought into full compliance. Non-compliant conditions cannot remain in use beyond September 30, 2021 without approval by CDPH per the Program Flexibility procedure above.

If air pressure adjustments were made to specific rooms or areas in response to COVID 19, these areas will require documentation to show what the rooms were prior to the alteration and plans to return them to previous compliant conditions. If no pre-balance report was completed or they cannot be substantiated, pressures must be adjusted to comply with current code requirements.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact your region's Plan Review Supervisor or Regional Compliance Officer (RCO).

Sincerely,

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