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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **New State Public Health Officer Order Requires Hospitals to Accept Transfer Patients From Facilities with Limited ICU Capacity**

A State Public Health Officer Order was issued yesterday, August 17, 2021, that requires hospitals statewide to accept transfer patients from facilities with limited ICU capacity, when clinically appropriate. The new State Public Health Officer Order can be found in its entirety here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Hospital-and-Health-Care-System-Surge.aspx>

Yesterday's Order follows several other recent State-issued Public Health Orders.

Specifically, On August 11, 2021, the State issued a Public Health Order that requires verification of vaccination status among public and private K-12 school workers. Unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated school workers are required to undergo diagnostic screening testing weekly. The new State Public Health Officer Order can be found in its entirety here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Vaccine-Verification-for-Workers-in-Schools.aspx>

Additionally, on August 5, 2021, the State issued a Public Health Order requiring workers in healthcare settings to have received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by September 30, 2021. There are two exemptions to the requirements of the Order; religious and medical. This Order can be found in its entirety here: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Health-Care-Worker-Vaccine-Requirement.aspx>

Additionally, on August 5, 2021, the State issued a Public Health Order requiring visitors at hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and intermediate care facilities to be fully vaccinated or show proof of a negative COVID-19 test. This Order became effective today and can be found in its entirety here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Requirements-for-Visitors-in-Acute-Health-Care-and-Long-Term-Care-Settings.aspx>

Furthermore, on July 26, 2021, the State issued a Public Health Order requiring workers in healthcare, long-term care, and high-risk congregate settings to verify vaccination status and be subject to at least weekly, and in some instances twice weekly, diagnostic testing. This Order became effective August 9, 2021 and can be found in its entirety here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Unvaccinated-Workers-In-High-Risk-Settings.aspx>

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