

Kern County Hospital Authority
Board of Governors
Public Meeting Protocol and Instructions for Providing Public Comment
during Board Meetings due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

On March 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.17.20-N-29-20-EO.pdf>), which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Board members or the public to attend and participate at Board meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Kern County Hospital Authority hereby provides notice that as a result of the declared federal, state, and local emergencies due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in light of the Governor's order, **this Board of Governors meeting will not be physically open to the public**. You may address the Board via email or telephonically as outlined below. Consistent with the Executive Order, Board members may elect to attend the meeting telephonically and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present.

Based on guidance from the California Governor's Office and Department of Public Health, as well as the County Health Officer, in order to minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 Virus, please do the following:

Instructions to provide testimony or general public comment:

1. The preferred option for commenting on a specific agenda item or for providing general public comment under Public Presentations is to submit your comment via email to publiccomment@kernmedical.com no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, the day prior to the Board meeting. Please include your name and clearly indicate the agenda item number you wish to address.
2. Alternatively, you may comment by calling (661) 326-2611 to leave a voicemail of no more than two minutes in length, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, the day prior to the Board meeting. Please state and spell your name at the beginning of your message and clearly indicate the agenda item number you wish to address.
3. Written comments may also be mailed to **Authority Board Coordinator, Kern Medical, 1700 Mount Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93306**. Please specify to which agenda item your comment relates.

All public comments received by email, written letters or voicemail are provided to all Board members and applicable staff, for review and consideration by the Board prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Board meeting.