



# Tuolumne County Health and Human Services Agency

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## DECLARATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, Health and Safety Code section 101080 authorizes a local health officer to declare a local health emergency in the health officer's jurisdiction, or any part thereof, whenever the health officer reasonably determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, noncommunicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent; and

**WHEREAS**, under Health and Safety Code section 101080, a local health officer's declaration of a local health emergency must be ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven (7) days in order to remain in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, Health and Safety Code section 101080 generally requires the Board of Supervisors to review the need for continuing the local health emergency at least every thirty (30) days, but as part of Governor Gavin Newsom's March 4, 2020, Declaration of a State of Emergency in California due to COVID-19, this provision has been waived for the duration of the statewide emergency, allowing local governments to maintain their related local health emergencies in place until locally terminated; and

**WHEREAS**, Health and Safety Code section 101080 requires local jurisdictions to terminate the emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant termination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced on February 25, 2020, that community spread of COVID-19 is likely to occur in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statements, there is an ongoing risk and likelihood of COVID-19 positive patients being identified in Tuolumne County; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the foregoing, there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of COVID-19 in the County of Tuolumne and a threat to the public health of the County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, this declaration will enable the County to more quickly and effectively respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, seek and utilize mutual aid, potentially obtain reimbursement, and ensure that the County's public health professionals and providers have all necessary personal protective equipment to provide quality care and to keep our community safe; and

**THEREFORE**, the County Health Officer hereby declares a health emergency.

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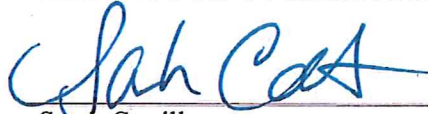
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