



Tuolumne County Health and Human Services Agency

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To: Businesses, Renters, Property Owners, Visitors, and Residents Within Tuolumne County

From: Dr. Eric Sergienko, MD, MPH, Interim Tuolumne County Health Officer

Subject: Health Officer's Order Clarifying the Governor's "Stay-At-Home" Order as Related to Short Term Lodging Facilities

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 101040, 101085, and 120175, Title 17 California Code of Regulations Section 2501, and Tuolumne County Ordinance Code Chapter 2.40, the Health Officer of the County of Tuolumne orders as follows:

WHEREAS, the County Health Officer finds that the use of short-term lodging for non-COVID-19 purposes is a direct violation of the Governor's Stay-at-Home Order as it: (1) encourages an influx of persons into the County, thus increasing the potential for the spread of the illness and adding strain upon the County healthcare system; and (2) is likely to impair efforts at mitigating the spread of the illness both within the County and statewide; and

WHEREAS, the County Health Officer wishes to provide clarity to businesses, renters, and property owners in the short-term lodging sector of the County regarding operations under the Governor's Stay-At-Home Order and therefore issues the following:

1. Short-term lodging facilities (including short-term rentals, vacation rentals, timeshares, hotels, motels, and other short-term lodgings) within the County of Tuolumne may remain open for the following limited purposes:
 - a. To serve as short-term lodging facilities which are used for the following COVID-19 mitigation and containment measures:
 - i. Lodging to protect the homeless population;
 - ii. Lodging for persons who have been displaced and cannot return to their residence because there is a person residing at the residence that must isolate or quarantine or is at a higher risk of severe illness;
 - iii. Lodging for persons who need to isolate or quarantine
 - b. Short-term lodging facilities (including short-term rentals, vacation rentals, timeshares, hotels, motels, and other short-term lodgings) which are used to house essential workers performing functions that are essential to maintain the continuity of operations for critical infrastructure, as listed in the attached Guidance.
 - c. Further, short-term lodging facilities may be used to house those who require emergency sheltering due to other reasons such as, but not limited to, sheltering domestic violence victims or evacuees from a wildland fire.
2. No homeowner, agent of the homeowner, marketing agent, listing agent, or real estate agent shall engage in efforts to rent or lease any short-term rentals, vacation rentals, timeshares, hotels,

motels, and/or other short-term lodging within the County of Tuolumne for any purpose other than those identified in Paragraph 1 above.

3. In the event of a question or uncertainty as to whether a particular short-term lodging use falls within the Public Health Officer's exemptions (i.e., whether it constitutes a mitigation or containment measure, or involves an essential worker), a written determination from the County of Tuolumne Health Officer, that the use is authorized, or a directive from the Health Officer shall be adequate to authorize such use.

This Order shall be effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. This Order is in addition to the Orders issued March 13, 2020 and March 26, 2020.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) may recommend further guidance.

I, as Health Officer for the County of Tuolumne, encourage voluntary compliance with this Health Officer's Order. However, violation of this order is subject to fine, imprisonment or both (California Health and Safety Code Section 120295).

I ask that anyone who wishes to discuss this contact the Public Health Department at (209) 533-7401.



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