



Tuolumne County Health and Human Services Agency

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ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE IMPLEMENTING GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-33-20 AND PROVIDING FURTHER CLARIFICATION

WHEREAS, the County Officials have reported complaints of certain recreational and business activities taking place in the County in a manner that appears to violate Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20, which, if true, further increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission within the County; and

WHEREAS, County Officials have reported confusion amongst community members regarding which businesses, workplaces, recreational activities, and public spaces can remain open; and

WHEREAS, according to local, state and federal Officials individuals are visiting recreational sites within the County and not adhering to the social distancing requirements which caused me to draft a letter to both the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Reclamation requesting they close federal sites within the County including the Stanislaus National Forest and New Melones; and

WHEREAS, while recreational activity is important during this health emergency, the benefits of such can be achieved locally and do not require traveling long distances in order to recreate; and

WHEREAS, while there are only two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases within the County the Tuolumne County Department of Public Health expects additional cases of COVID-19 to be confirmed in residents of Tuolumne County in the coming weeks; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve the public health and safety, and to help ensure the local and regional healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all who may require care during the course of this emergency, further clarification and local implementation of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 is necessary and appropriate; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 101040, 101085, and 120175, 120175.5, 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:

1. All non-essential public and private gatherings of any size or type are prohibited except by people who reside in the same household. A "non-essential gathering" is two more individuals socializing, recreating, or otherwise intentionally sharing physical space except as necessary by essential critical infrastructure workers in the performance of their duties.

2. All individuals, aside from essential critical infrastructure workers while performing their duties, shall remain at their residences except as necessary to perform essential personal and household tasks. Examples of this include: buying food, necessary clothing, medications and cleaning supplies, sending or receiving mail, attending necessary medical appointments, and engaging in solitary or household exercise activities (i.e. walking, jogging, bicycling) that are not otherwise prohibited or precluded by this Order or other state or federal laws, regulations or orders.
3. When outside their residences, all individuals who do not reside in the same household shall, to the extent physically possible, maintain at least six feet of space from other individuals. Essential critical infrastructure workers shall maintain this space to the extent practicable in the performance of their duties.
4. No individual who is experiencing symptoms of a viral illness (fever, chills, cough, nasal congestion, body aches, etc.) shall leave his/her residence except to receive medical care in accordance with guidance from health officials.
5. The following facilities and activities are ordered CLOSED and/or STOPPED:
 - a. Entertainment, exercise, hobby, and recreational venues such as golf and disc golf, camps, knitting or quilting classes, in-person educational courses or classes, movie theaters, art studios, swimming pools, gyms, fitness studios, martial arts and boxing studios. Residents cannot participate in any activities that require shared equipment such as frisbee, soccer, or basketball, with any person outside of their own household or living unit. Walking, hiking and bicycling paths and trails may remain open for solitary or household exercise that is not otherwise prohibited or precluded by this order so long as six feet of distance is strictly maintained between individuals who do not share a household.
 - b. Recreational boating, including the use of either motorized or non-motorized vessels or watercraft.
 - c. Restaurants, bars, wineries, tasting rooms and other food service establishments except to the extent necessary to prepare and package food and beverages for take-out, delivery, curbside, or drive-through services in compliance with all state and local laws.
 - d. Churches and places of worship.
 - e. Second hand stores, thrift stores, consignment stores, flea markets, and antique stores.
 - f. Hair and nail salons, tanning salons, barber shops, spas, massage parlors, tattoo parlors, smoke and tobacco shops.
 - g. Public, private, and non-profit special events, involving shared physical space.
 - h. Visitor and convention centers.
 - i. Guided sporting activities such as guided fishing, hunting and hiking.
 - j. A business that does not primarily sell or provide essential services as set forth in Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 shall limit its activity to only provision of essential services.
 - k. Any similar location, venue, or activity.
6. When people need to leave their places of residence, they should remain as close to their residence as reasonably possible and at all times comply with the social distancing requirements as described in this Order.
7. Individuals may continue to responsibly use walking, hiking and bicycling paths and trails as long as six feet of distance is strictly maintained between individuals who do not share a household.

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, March 26, 2020 and April 3.

The State Health Officer may order more restrictive actions which would supersede this order. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may recommend more restrictive guidance which would require modification of this order.

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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