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ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE EXTENDING ALL PRIOR COVID-19 RELATED ORDERS

WHEREAS, Currently, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been declared a pandemic by the World Health organization. As of today, there are over 2,995,758 cases in the world and over 204,987 deaths. In California, there are 45,031 confirmed cases and 1,809 deaths. We can expect that the number of cases to increase significantly should continued action not be taken to decrease the spread of the disease.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is contained in the droplets that can be sneezed, coughed, or exhaled into the air by infected individuals. There is no currently available treatment. However, transmission of the disease can be reduced through community mitigation measures that decrease the likelihood of being exposed to the droplets of an infected person.

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 led to Interim Health Officer Dr. Sergienko to send letters 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 four (4) 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, due to an increase in COVID-19 cases within neighboring counties, and that Tuolumne County has a high tourist population in the summer, additional restrictions are necessary for the continued safety of local residents; 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

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Interim Local Health Officer Dr. Sergienko declared an Order to cancel, postpone, or modify large scale events or mass gatherings within Tuolumne County. This Order is set to expire on April 30, 2020.

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the Interim Local Health Officer Dr. Sergienko declared an Order clarifying Essential and Non-Essential activities.

WHEREAS, as cases continue to increase state-wide and locally, Interim Health Officer Dr. Ortiz declares an extension of the March 13, 2020 order and expansion of the April 6, 2020 order; 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:

Due to the nature of the pandemic, the Interim Health Officer Dr. Liza Ortiz declares an extension and expansion of all current Orders for the safety of Tuolumne County residents, as detailed below:

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 or 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, 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, 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. 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.
 - c. Churches and places of worship for in person gatherings.
 - d. Second hand stores, thrift stores, consignment stores, flea markets, and antique stores.
 - e. Hair and nail salons, tanning salons, barber shops, spas, massage parlors, tattoo parlors, smoke and tobacco shops.
 - f. Public, private, and non-profit special events, involving shared physical space.
 - g. Visitor and convention centers.
 - h. Guided sporting activities such as guided fishing, hunting and hiking.
 - i. 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.
 - j. 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. Further details on what outdoor recreation is allowed in the state order can be found here: <https://www.covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>
8. Personal recreational boating of people from the same household is allowed so long as people can maintain physical distancing from other households. This includes maintaining physical distancing at parking lots, trailheads, and boat ramps. Developed facilities may be closed if staffing is not available.
9. Golf (singles, walking – no cart) is allowed, so long as people can maintain physical distancing. This includes physical distancing at parking lots and club houses. Residents cannot participate in any activities that require shared equipment with any person outside of their own household.
10. Individuals may travel for the following essentials services:
 - a. Any travel related to the provision of, or access to, essential activities or essential Governmental functions.
 - b. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
 - c. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other essential activity that cannot be accomplished electronically, as long as social distancing protocols are maintained.
 - d. Travel to or return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction.
 - e. Travel required by law enforcement or court order.
 - f. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the County. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the County remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel.
11. Additional Essential and Non-Essential lists can be found at <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>

On March 19, 2020, the Director of the California Department of Public Health released an executive order for all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal critical infrastructure.

On April 22, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has recommended the following:

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.

To that end, I ask for your cooperation with the following Health Officer's Order:

I, as Health Officer for the County of Tuolumne, as duly authorized under the Health and Safety Code, Section 120175, am requiring that all residents in Tuolumne County, comply with the recommendations put forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This Order shall be effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. This Order combines and extends the Orders issued on March 13, 2020 and April 6, 2020 and is in addition to the Orders issued on March 26, 2020 and April 3, 2020.

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, but both civil and criminal enforcement actions are permitted under the Health and Safety Code.

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



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Health Officer

4/30/2020

Date