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ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE MODIFYING PREVIOUS COVID-19 RELATED ORDERS

WHEREAS, Currently, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been declared a pandemic by the World Health organization. As of June 17, 2020, there are over 8.3 million cases in the world and over 449,00 deaths. In California, there are 157,015 confirmed cases and 5,208 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, while there are nine (9) 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 May 7, 2020, the State Public Health Officer issued an Order addressing the gradual reopening of the State and provided further direction to the local Health Officers; and

WHEREAS, the State Public Health Officer has articulated a four-stage framework—which includes provisions for the reopening of lower-risk businesses and spaces (“Stage Two”), to be followed by the reopening of higher-risk businesses and spaces (“Stage Three”)—to allow Californians to gradually resume various activities while continuing to preserve public health in the face of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State Public Health Officer has ordered on May 8, 2020, that because the low and stable data reported by some local health officers in their local health jurisdictions, combined with sufficient COVID-19 preparedness, justifies allowance for some variation in the speed with which some local health jurisdictions will be able to move through the State’s Resilience Roadmap.

WHEREAS, the State Public Health Officer has established criteria to determine whether and how, in light of the extent to which the public health is menaced by COVID-19 from place to place within the State, local health officers may (during the relevant stages of reopening) issue directives to establish and implement public health measures less restrictive than any public health measures implemented on a statewide basis pursuant to the statewide directives of the State Public Health Officer; and

WHEREAS, the State Public Health Officer has established procedures through which local health officers may (during the relevant stages of reopening) certify that, if their respective jurisdictions are subject to proposed public health measures (which they shall specify to the extent such specification may be required by the State Public Health Officer) that are less restrictive than public health measures implemented on a statewide basis pursuant to the statewide directives of the State Public Health Officer, the public health will not be menaced; and

WHEREAS, the State Public Health Officer has additionally established procedures to permit, in a manner consistent with public health and safety, local health officers who submit such certifications to establish and implement such less restrictive public health measures within their respective jurisdictions.

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, the Health Officer of the County of Tuolumne submitted a COVID-19 County Variance Attestation Form to the California Department of Public Health for local variance to Stage 2 of California’s Roadmap to Modify the Stay-At-Home Order. The California Department of Public Health accepted the variance and posted it on May 13, 2020.

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 a modification of all current Orders for the safety of Tuolumne County residents, as detailed below:

1. The State Health Officer order and the Governor's Executive Orders and updates will take effect in Tuolumne County immediately upon modification with the following clarifications and modifications.
 - a. Businesses, renters, and property owners in the short-term lodging sector shall adhere to the guidance provided in the state guidance entitled "COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Hotels, Lodging, and Short-Term Rentals" with the following more stringent measures as set forth in this Order:
 - i. Rooms shall be vacated for a minimum of 24 hours from the time the guest(s) leaves until the time that housekeeping/cleaning commences. New guest(s) may not occupy the room prior to the completion of this housekeeping/cleaning.
 - ii. While state guidance allows cleaning earlier than 24 hours, this requires the use of Personal Protective Equipment, including an N-95 respirator. The use of such equipment requires training, as well as a respiratory protection program, and implementation would likely consume resources that would be needed by healthcare workers and therefore, cleaning shall not begin earlier than 24 hours from the time the guest(s) leave.
 - iii. It is recommended that multi-room lodging facilities start with 50% bookings until such time as they can ensure their rooms remain vacant for 24 hours post-vacancy.
 - iv. Violation of this order may result in closure of the offending lodging facility and quarantining of staff due to the concern of unmitigated spread of disease.
2. To the extent that sectors are re-opened by State Health Officer orders or Local Health Officer attestation, Californians may leave their homes to work at, patronize, or otherwise engage with those businesses, establishments, or activities and must, when they do so, continue at all times to practice physical distancing, minimize their time outside of the home, and wash their hands frequently. The State's Public Health Officer's March 19, 2020, Order otherwise remains in full effect. Californians should limit time outside the home and travel only for permissible activities, such as healthcare, food, outdoor exercise and recreation (individuals and households only), work in approved sectors, and local shopping or other activities related to open sectors. Californians can travel for urgent matters or if such travel is essential to their permitted work. Even though businesses around the state are opening up, avoid travelling long distances for vacations or pleasure as much as possible. This is to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Do not travel if you are sick, or if someone in your household has had coronavirus in the last two weeks. Do not travel with someone who is sick. Californians should not travel significant distances for pleasure or recreation and should stay close to home.
 - a. Effective June 19, 2020, at 12:00 a.m., the following sectors at the sites listed below are permitted to be open in Tuolumne County, provided they implement the adaptations listed in this Order and State Health Officer order as well as guidance provided by the State. If State guidance for the sector is not posted by the State, the sector is not permitted to open until guidance is posted by the State and approved by the local health officer order.
 - i. Agriculture and Livestock <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-agriculture.pdf>
 - ii. Auto Dealerships <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-auto-dealerships.pdf>
 - iii. Childcare <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-childcare.pdf>
 - iv. Communications Infrastructure <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-communications.pdf>
 - v. Construction <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-construction.pdf>
 - vi. Day Camps <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-daycamps.pdf>

1. Day camps refers to programs which provide services without providing any overnight services.
- vii. Delivery Services <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-delivery-services.pdf>
- viii. Energy and utilities <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-energy.pdf>
- ix. Food packing <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-food-packing.pdf>
- x. Hotels and Lodging <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hotels-lodging-rentals.pdf>
- xi. Life sciences <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-life-sciences.pdf>
- xii. Limited services <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-limited-services.pdf>
- xiii. Logistics and warehousing facilities <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-logistics-warehousing.pdf>
- xiv. Manufacturing <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-manufacturing.pdf>
- xv. Mining and logging <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-mining-logging.pdf>
- xvi. Music, film, and TV production
 1. To reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, productions, cast, crew and other industry workers should abide by safety protocols agreed by labor and management, which may be further enhanced by county public health officers. Back office staff and management should adhere to Office Workspace guidelines published by the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Industrial Relations, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- xvii. Office workspaces <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-office-workspaces.pdf>
- xviii. Outdoor museums <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-outdoor-museums.pdf>
- xix. Personal services <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/expanded-personal-services.pdf>
- xx. Places of worship <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>
- xvii. Ports <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-ports.pdf>
- xviii. Professional sports (without live audiences)
 1. To reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, athletes, coaching staff, medical staff, broadcasting staff and others at sporting facilities or events should abide by COVID-19 protocols agreed by labor and management, which may be further enhanced by county public health officers. Back office staff and management should adhere to Office Workspace guidelines published by the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Industrial Relations, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Retail staff should adhere to Retail guidelines published by the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Industrial Relations, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- xix. Public transit <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-transit-rail.pdf>
- xx. Real Estate Transaction <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-real-estate.pdf>
- xxi. Retail <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail.pdf>
- xxii. Schools <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf>
- xxiii. Shopping Centers <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-shopping-centers.pdf>
- xxiv. Hair Salons and Barbershops <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hair-salons.pdf>
- xxv. Movie theaters and Family entertainment centers
<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-family-entertainment.pdf>
- xxvi. Restaurants, wineries, and bars <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-restaurants-bars.pdf>
- xxvii. Zoos and museums <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-zoos-museums.pdf>
- xxviii. Gyms and fitness centers <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-fitness.pdf>
- xxix. Campgrounds and outdoor recreation <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-campgrounds.pdf>

1. The guidance does not apply to youth camps, team or contact sports, school and educational activities, and other public gatherings. The guidance does not apply to facilities which allow people from different households to lodge overnight, including minors.
- xxx. Cardrooms and Racetracks <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-cardrooms-racetracks.pdf>
- b. The following sectors, businesses, establishments, or activities are not permitted to operate in the State of California at this time. These sectors will not be allowed to open in Tuolumne County until allowed by a local health officer order:
 - i. Indoor playgrounds such as bounce centers, ball pits and laser tag
 - ii. Outdoor playgrounds
 - iii. Youth sports
 - iv. Live theater
 - v. Saunas, steam rooms, and hot tubs
 - vi. Nightclubs
 - vii. Concert venues
 - viii. Festivals
 - ix. Theme parks
 - x. Higher education
3. State public health directives prohibit professional, social and community mass gatherings. Gatherings are defined as—meetings or other events that bring together persons from multiple households at the same time for a shared or group experience in a single room, space, or place such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, or other indoor or outdoor space. They pose an especially high danger of transmission and spread of COVID-19. On May 25, 2020, in an effort to balance First Amendment interests with public health, the State Public Health Officer created an exception to the prohibition against mass gatherings for faith-based services and cultural ceremonies as well as protests. Those types of gatherings are permitted so long as they do not exceed 100 attendees or 25% of the capacity of the space in which the gathering is held, whichever is lower. All other mass gatherings are prohibited until further notice. There are no restrictions on the gathering of members of a household or living unit.
4. All facilities must first perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan. Adaptations need to be made before workplaces can open. Businesses must post their protection plan in their business location, submit a copy to Tuolumne County Public Health via email (health@tuolumnecounty.ca.gov) and make it available upon request to others.
 - a. Current information regarding guidance for different business sectors can be found here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/> and <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/>
 - i. Business sectors which are not expressly listed in this order 2 a, are not permitted to open.
 - b. The goal is a safe, clean environment for workers and customers. Businesses may use effective alternative or innovative methods to build upon the guidance.
 - c. Before opening, all facilities must:
 - i. Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan
 - ii. Train employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, including how to screen themselves for symptoms and stay home if they have them
 - iii. Implement individual control measures and screenings
 - iv. Implement disinfecting protocols
 - v. Implement physical distancing guidelines
 - vi. Email the site-specific plan to Tuolumne County Public Health (health@tuolumnecounty.ca.gov)

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 June 19, 2020, at 12:00 a.m. and will remain in effect until further notice. This Order replaces all previous orders related to the COVID-19 emergency, with the exception of the Order issued on May 19, 2020, regarding Febrile Respiratory Illness Screening which remains in effect.

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



Date