

Tuolumne County <u>Public Health Department</u>

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As cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in Tuolumne County, additional measures are being taken by the County to ensure that businesses and facilities have the information and resources necessary to adhere to statewide COVID-19 requirements and guidelines. Compliance with state health orders and regulations are important to reducing the risk of disease transmission , protecting those most vulnerable to the disease, and reducing the impact to our healthcare system, while allowing for the County to rebuild economic vitality.

On July 7, 2020, the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors approved the creation of a COVID-19 Education and Compliance Division of the Public Health Department. The Public Health Department will be coordinating with Health and Human Services Agency staff and County staff who had previously been furloughed to coordinate and implement this program.

This division will be responsible to receive complaints or concerns from the public via phone and email, and in turn follow up with businesses and facilities. The follow-up will include site visits and provide educational material and technical assistance to assist businesses or facilities who may need support to follow state health orders and regulations.

In addition, some funding has been made available through a CARES COVID-19 grant to provide reimbursement to businesses for the purchase of required personal protective equipment (PPE) such as face coverings, gloves, and safety supplies that are necessary to be in compliance with state regulations and provide a safe environment for staff and patrons. These activities will also help build relationships with our community and business owners.

Onboarding and training of staff will begin on July 20th and the program will go live July 27th. The public will be able to contact the Education and Compliance Division by email or phone as follows:

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