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

This Order supersedes and replaces the August 31, 2020, Health Officer Order as it relates to areas except for lodging and emphasizes existing State requirements related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency was issued by the Governor of the State of California on March 18, 2020, and local emergencies have been declared in Tuolumne County in response to the virus COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health discourages non-essential travel as a means to slow the spread of COVID-19, and California's Executive Order N33-20 remains in effect, limiting activities throughout the State including travel for nonessential purposes; and

WHEREAS, there is limited critical healthcare infrastructure, including hospital beds, ventilators and workers, within the County of Tuolumne capable of adequately treating mass numbers of patients at a single time – should the virus spread unchecked; and

WHEREAS, the interim State Health Officer on August 28, 2020 amended the March 18, 2020 State Health Officer Order, issuing the "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" establishing a tiered system of restrictions based on the average number of cases in a seven-day period and the test positivity percentage; and

WHEREAS, this tiered system ranges from the least restrictive "Yellow"/Minimal/Tier 4 through "Orange"/Moderate/Tier 3 and "Red"/Substantial/Tier 2 to "Purple"/Widespread/Tier 1, each tier describing actions that must be taken in specific sectors.

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority of California Health and Safety Code sections 101040, 101085 and 120175 and Title 17 California Code of Regulations, Section 2501, the Tuolumne County Interim Health Officer HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING ORDERS, which shall be applicable within the County of Tuolumne:

All current and valid California State Health Officer Orders and Governor's Executive Orders including the State Blueprint for a Safer Economy and associated guidance shall be in effect and applied in County of Tuolumne.

The Blueprint for a Safer Economy is available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19CountyMonitoringOverview.aspx#:~:text=California%20has%20a%20new%20blueprint,from%20the%20last%20three%20weeks.>

Associated guidance is available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>

General Provisions

1. This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 disease, also known as “novel coronavirus”.
2. This Order is issued based on evidence of transmission of COVID-19, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.
3. This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, by referencing restrictions issued by the State of California and providing additional clarifications within the County of Tuolumne, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide. As the presence of individuals increases, the difficulty and magnitude of tracing individuals who may have been exposed to a case rises exponentially.
4. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the following: the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 13, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in Tuolumne County; the March 17, 2020, Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tuolumne proclaiming the existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Tuolumne regarding COVID-19 and ratifying and extending the Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to COVID-19; the guidance issued on March 11, 2020, by the California Department of Public Health regarding large gatherings of 250 people or more; Governor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Order N-25-20 of March 12, 2020 preparing the State to commandeer hotels and other places of temporary residence, medical facilities, and other facilities that are suitable as places of temporary residence or medical facilities as necessary for quarantining, isolating or treating individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had a high-risk exposure and are thought to be in the incubation period; the guidance issued on March 15, 2020, by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials through the United States and around the world recommending the cancellation of gatherings involving more than fifty (50) persons in a single space at the same time; the March 17, 2020, order of the Public Health Officer prohibiting all gatherings with expected presence above fifty (50) individuals; and Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N33-20 of March 19, 2020 ordering all persons to stay at home to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

5. This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101030, et seq.; Health and Safety Code sections 120100, et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

6. To the extent necessary, pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Interim Health Officer requests that the Sheriff ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order.

7. This Order is made because of the propensity of the virus to spread person-to-person and also because the virus is causing personal property loss or damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

8. Copies of this Order shall promptly be posted on the County of Tuolumne's website and provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.



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Interim Health Officer

9-23-2020

Date