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A Guidebook for California Community Associations

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By the Community Association Attorneys at SwedelsonGottlieb

In less than 3 weeks, life for all of us has changed dramatically. On March 11th, Governor Newsom declared that all meetings or conferences of 250 or more people should be canceled. Shortly after that declaration, the number went down to 50, then 10 and now most of you are likely at home, some working and others not. The reality is that community associations cannot close down. Associations must continue to operate as they control the common areas where people live, and so much more.

SwedelsonGottlieb is open for business; most of us are working remotely. And, we continue to receive inquiries from board members and managers concerning what community associations should be doing to address the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact on their communities. As we will explain, we do not believe that community associations have any direct or legal responsibility to deal with the coronavirus itself as it is each resident's responsibility to protect themselves from contracting COVID-19. That said, some commonsense things should be kept in mind and we address those things in this Guidebook.

To be clear, this does not mean that associations should not be implementing policies to address the coronavirus, such as taking steps to clean and sanitize to the extent possible the common area, close common area amenities such as pools, gyms and recreation centers or clubhouses. But there is only so much that associations can do. As we will explain, there are things that each California community association can and should be doing, especially when an association learns that a resident has contracted or been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, to limit liability exposure.

In this Guidebook, we will refer to COVID-19 which is the name given to the coronavirus that is causing us all so much angst (or worse).

Generally

The reality is that the duty to stop the spread of the virus and protect an individual's health is the residents and not the associations duty. The greater reality is that no one person or entity can control or stop the spread of the virus. On its website, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has reported that person-to-person transfer is the most likely cause of infection. For this

reason, the best approach is for associations to not take on any responsibility for dealing with the virus or those that are infected. Instead, associations may want to consider posting notices educating residents about the virus and how they can best protect themselves. These notices are available on the CDC website, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>.

As of the date we are updating this Guidebook (March 27, 2020), the State of California and many cities and counties in the State have issued orders requiring that many types of businesses close. Unless a California resident's job is considered "essential", all residents in the State, for the most part, must stay at home. And by the way, community association managers and other staff members are considered essential to the associations they manage as the associations must continue to operate and have the same responsibilities, issues, and problems they did before the COVID-19 pandemic became a reality. To help stop the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, most of our association clients have opted to close recreational amenities such as the pool, gym and recreation room. And while that will reduce some of what staff is required to do, there are still other common area elements that will need to be maintained. Let's face it, roofs and pipes will still leak, pipes will get clogged, repairs will need to be made and the association still has its business to run.

Regarding the closure of common area pools, gyms and the like, initially, we were hopeful that a warning was sufficient and closure would not be necessary. That hope was diminished very quickly when we received several reports of owners not socially distancing themselves when at their association's gym or pool. And as the State has now ordered that all businesses like gyms, etc. close, we are now recommending that associations likewise close their facilities. This will help protect the health of the association employees and/or personnel as well.

In addition, associations need to cancel any events that it is sponsoring. Board and other meetings can be conducted via conference or video call; we do not recommend that Boards meet in person unless a true life/death situation arises and even then, there are other options. While this is not in strict compliance with the Civil Code, we feel that the coronavirus has created special circumstances and so long as owners are provided the ability to join a telephone or video conference and given the ability to speak to the board via an open forum, no court is going to (or should) penalize the association for taking these steps to promote the health and welfare of its residents. More on Open Meeting Act compliance later in this Guidebook.

Association Liability

As the coronavirus has shown that it is very easily spread when people are close to one another, associations need to be mindful of potential liability issues and claims from the spread of the virus in the common areas. That said, for a California community association to be found

liable for a resident getting sick, that person would have to show that the association had a duty to keep them from being exposed to the coronavirus, that it was negligent in the performance of that duty and that failure is what caused the illness of the resident. Proving that the association was the cause of the resident contracting the virus will be very difficult, if not impossible.

Keep in mind that the CDC has yet to ascertain all the various ways that the virus is spreading. While it has been reported that the virus can live on surfaces for up to a week, the CDC has not confirmed that the virus can be transferred by merely touching these surfaces. Further, if the person contracted the virus by touching something, the CDC has said that the transfer would occur by that person touching the contaminated object and then touching their eyes, mouth or nose. This type of transfer means that each person is responsible for their health. Only individual persons can control if and when they will touch their eyes, nose or mouth after touching an object that may be contaminated. The CDC reports that people are usually infected five days before they start showing symptoms. So, with all the places we go and people we meet, the illness could be contracted anywhere during that timeframe. Even if an association completes a massive cleaning of the common area, the doorknob that is cleaned one minute could be a contaminated a minute later. People could still get sick. It's inevitable. As the number of infected people grows, it will be more difficult to determine the source of each contamination and how it was spread.

This does not mean that associations should not try to keep the common area clean. It means that associations should do what they can to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. There are some steps that can be taken to assist in dealing with the virus, and taking these steps, like ensuring that the common area and especially restrooms are continuously stocked with sufficient supplies of soap, hand sanitizer, and paper towels and that sinks, hand dryers, and paper towel and soap dispensers are being maintained in good operating condition, will minimize claims that the association was negligent in not properly maintaining the common area to stop the spread of the virus.

In addition, boards and management should have detailed policies in place for employees and janitorial staff and should closely monitor their employees and staff in charge of doing these things to ensure that they are following through with proper protocols. Examples include disinfecting all high touch surfaces, including elevator buttons, escalator, and stair handrails, common area door handles, benches and seating areas. And as stated above, associations should consider canceling events it sponsors and consider holding board meetings via telephone/video conference calls. These steps will minimize resident complaints and an association's exposure to liability.

In addition, boards and management should consider addressing each resident's obligation to

take extra precautionary measures during this pandemic. SwedelsonGottlieb has already assisted many community associations with letters that address this and other issues. Contact our office if your association needs assistance with a letter outlining your association's response to the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Social Distancing and the Open Meeting Act

Because the board of directors for a community association has broad powers and there are association members that will potentially be affected by a board's actions, the California Legislature has mandated that boards hold open meetings so that the owners can monitor the board's deliberations and decision making and allow the members to speak publicly at the meetings. The Open Meeting Act was modeled after the Brown Act that applies to state and local governments. The Open Meeting Act, which is part of the Civil Code, does allow the Board to hold meetings via a telephone conference call, so long as the owners/members of the Association can listen to the meeting and speak to the board via a speakerphone that is supposed to be located presumably at the association where someone, usually the manager is stationed. That process does not work under current circumstances where the government now agrees that to stop the spread of the virus, gatherings such as that should be avoided. And the reality is that current technology, including conference calls and video conferencing, make the provisions of the Code seem antiquated.

We know that some owners will want their association to strictly comply with the Open Meeting Act. But considering that public events, including major professional and college sports contests, are being postponed or canceled; schools are being closed and access to public buildings including courthouses, has been limited; bars and restaurants are being closed; television shows are being taped without a live audience or cancelled altogether; social distancing is something that we are all supposed to be practicing. Therefore, an association cannot comply with the requirement to hold a public meeting or allow the owners to gather in one place to listen to the board's deliberations and/or speak to the board during the open forum while complying with the emergency government order.

As stated above, the Open Meeting Act is similar to the Brown Act that applies to cities and municipalities. City Council members want to avoid being exposed to the virus and they want to limit the public's exposure to it as well. To limit infection risk, the Los Angeles City Council recently voted to change the way that they will be running their meetings, at least until the spread of the coronavirus is under control. Los Angeles City Hall is closed to the public, and council members are asking the public to watch remotely, either on television or on streaming video, and offer their comments electronically. Members of the public who want to address the council members will do so from a microphone set up under a tent outside City Hall.

The Board of Supervisors for the City of San Francisco has also closed their meeting to the public and are making meetings available on the Microsoft Teams app and on SFGovTV. To address questions from the public, they have provided a call in number and email address.

The point is that if the cities can change how they're going to handle their open meetings in ways that may not strictly comply with the Brown Act because of the coronavirus, California community associations can do the same. We are recommending that board meetings be held via telephone conference call as that is easy to set up and there are free and low-cost services available. And some boards are migrating to video conferencing platforms such as Zoom. One client is moving forward with a meeting to count the ballots for amendments to the CC&Rs where the inspector of elections will be alone, but the counting of the ballots and that meeting will be held via videoconferencing so the owners can watch the ballots being counted and then speak to the board in an open forum.

While not in strict compliance with the Civil Code/Open Meeting Act, we believe holding meetings remotely as described above meets the requirements and intent of the Open Meeting Act as the owners will be able to listen to the board deliberate and makes decisions, and will be offered an opportunity to speak to the board during an open forum on the conference call.

While telephone or video conference meetings may run contrary to the strict requirements of the Open Meeting Act, we believe that social distancing is important to stopping the spread of the coronavirus and that is what is important at this time. And more importantly, we also strongly believe that if challenged in court, a judge will agree with this protocol. That, of course, will require that the courts be open, which at the time this article is being published is not the case.

Is Your Association Responsible in Any Way for the Resident's Health and Safety? Better Check the Articles of Incorporation and Other Governing Documents

While this is something that we do not routinely look for, some community associations governing documents, usually the article of incorporation or the bylaws or CC&Rs, may have a provision that references the association's responsibilities as including the protecting the health and welfare of the residents. If an association has any obligation to protect the "health and welfare" of its residents in its governing documents, the association likely has a duty to address, at some level, an attempt to mitigate the coronavirus. Usually, this kind of language is found only in older documents, and in most cases the articles of incorporation. A review of all governing documents is necessary to determine whether an association has this responsibility.

If the association's governing documents reference a responsibility for the health and welfare of its residents, the association should contact its corporate counsel to determine what this

means for that association. There are very few cases that address this issue. We believe that the reference to health and welfare must be viewed in light of an association's primary responsibility and that is to maintain the common areas. So, ensuring that balconies are structurally safe, that exterior lights are working, that doors are locking is what is generally understood to be an associations' responsibility related to health and welfare. As stated above, the experts make it clear that there is very little an association can do to the common area to address the coronavirus other than following the CDC's recommendation regarding the cleaning of all surfaces (as discussed below).

The CDC has posted tips for preventing the spread of the coronavirus on its website. We have updated our list of community association tips based on the CDC's recommendations and developing situation.

- Post notices to let residents know what they can do to help protect their health, available through the CDC
- Use disinfectants that kill viruses to wipe down common areas that come into contact with people (doorknobs, handles, countertops, elevator buttons, etc.)
- Hold video or conference call meetings of the board and committees
- Close common area amenities, including the gym, pool, steam rooms, saunas, spas, etc. (Please note that this is required for Bay Area pools, recreation facilities and gyms.)
- Notify residents that the association is monitoring the situation and following guidelines established by the government, and recommend residents do the same
- Follow guidance from the CDC, public health department, state and local municipalities
- Post notices asking people to use their discretion about using common facilities, even elevators and lobbies, when others are sick and not to use the common area facilities when they are sick
- For common HVAC systems, consider installing bacteria and virus filters; recommend same for unit owners
- Consider purchasing wipes or sanitizing dispensers for elevator areas and doorways
- Talk to service providers that have employees working within the community about the importance of sick people staying home and requiring that they provide you with their company protocol to accomplish same

Dealing with Sick Residents or Guests

We are already dealing with association residents that have reported to their association that they have contracted COVID-19 and have been in contact with other residents or association staff. And we have also had to deal with residents that have disclosed they have contracted

COVID-19 or been in contact someone who has or residents that are coughing or showing other symptoms and are isolating themselves from others.

For a host of reasons, not the least of which are Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) laws and a resident's right to privacy, an association cannot ask someone if they have COVID-19. Nor can an association ask residents to report if they have contracted or been in close contact with anyone who has contracted the coronavirus. In addition, it is required that associations that are provided information about someone being diagnosed with coronavirus keep that person's information confidential, limiting the dissemination of that information on a need to know basis.

Here is what an association can and should do if it receives a report that a resident within the community has contracted COVID-19 or been in close contact with someone else that is infected:

- If warranted by the circumstances (and not all circumstances may warrant this notice), notify residents of the fact that an individual residing at the association has contracted or has been exposed to the virus and advise of their need to take steps to protect themselves;
- If appropriate, clean and sanitize the common area (appropriateness will depend on the type of building and other factors); and
- Recommend social distancing.

We were just advised that Los Angeles has enacted an ordinance requires mandatory isolation and quarantine for anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been in contact with someone who has. It is a misdemeanor, and could subject the resident to a fine and/or jail. If a resident has advised that they have been diagnosed as having the COVID-19 virus or come in contact with someone who has refuses to isolate and quarantine themselves, we suggest that you contact the police. But do not disclose the name or unit number or address of that resident to the other residents. Instead, a letter should be sent to the owners. Clients of SwedelsonGottlieb should contact our office for a letter that can be sent to the residents disclosing the issue. We will customize a letter that addresses the specific circumstances at your association.

An association should be prepared to reasonably accommodate an owner with a compromised immune system or who is sick to postpone a violation hearing, extend time on an architectural application, or the like. It would be reasonable to approve such a request and conversely likely unreasonable not to approve such a request.

If a service provider sends a worker onsite at the association who displays any of the signs of

the coronavirus (cough and sneezing, fever, etc.), contact their supervisor and ask for them to be sent home. It is recommended by the CDC, that there be no reduction in fees paid due to this interrupted service day. Please contact the association's corporate counsel to discuss options when dealing with extended periods of missed services to develop a prorated payment schedule.

Delinquent Assessments and the Impact on Association Finances

This week it was announced that 1,000,000 Californians filed for unemployment benefits in March. We are already receiving reports of owners contacting their associations asking for waivers of late fees and assessment collection action. This is only going to increase as we weather this pandemic.

While some are suggesting that associations waive late fees and assessment collection action, that advice ignores certain realities. The fact is that community associations have only one source of income and that source is the assessments that all owners are legally obligated to pay. Without those assessments, associations will not be able to pay for essential services, like water or insurance. Boards that are criticized for not allowing more leniency to delinquent owners should point out the above and point out that community associations, unlike banks, were not provided any relief as part of the recently approved \$2 trillion dollar "stimulus package."

The board of directors for all community associations have a fiduciary duty to collect assessments (all of them) so their association can pay its bills, which means that it needs to start the collection process when a homeowner becomes delinquent. To secure the obligation, associations must record liens, a necessity to protect the associations ability to collect those monies especially if an owner files bankruptcy (and we expect a rise in bankruptcy filings as a result of all the layoffs and terminations). Associations must follow and comply with the association's collection policy. While recording a lien sounds harsh due to so many residents potentially being out of work, it is not harsh nor a punishment to the homeowner, it is a business necessity (and associations are small businesses).

Owners who are unable to pay their assessments should be encouraged to work out arrangements with their associations. There are options, such as payment plan agreements that include a voluntary lien, alternative payment options and a waiver of late fees and interest, if appropriate. Boards will need to be fiscally responsible and work with management to evaluate their associations' financial condition to determine how it can continue to pay the bills if some owners are not paying their assessments. This has to be done as many associations have little room in their budgets for unpaid assessments. This may include imposing spending moratoriums on work that is not absolutely required. Boards should also be dusting off and evaluating and updating, as necessary, their associations collection policies.

Associations should reach out to delinquent homeowners promptly to follow up on the past due

assessment and advise of payment plan options. Our experience shows that this leads to a better chance of recovery. A homeowner that knows that they can make assessment payments through a payment plan is more likely to make their payments to the association.

And to avoid claims of disparate treatment, treat all delinquent owners alike. Do not discriminate. Offer all owners the same payment plan options.

If you have questions regarding assessment collection, contact our office. And if you have delinquent owners, and most associations will, contact our affiliate Association Lien Services for non-judicial collection services.

Maintenance & Construction and Stay at Home Orders

One big issue that we are dealing with is construction that was started before the Stay at Home orders were issued by the state and many municipalities. And we are talking about construction by the association and owners. Can it be allowed to continue? What about the spread of the coronavirus to the residents? Each association will be different. For example, work in a townhouse unit/home where access is from the exterior may not impact the association's residents; this may not be true where the workers will need to access a unit by using the same elevator and hallways as the residents. It is an issue.

Associations will need to consider the relevant Stay at Home Orders. For example, the San Francisco Stay at Home Order (effective through April 7, 2020) provides guidance on maintenance and construction that is allowed. A violation of these orders may result in fines or jail time. Here is the guidance from San Francisco's order:

- Plumbers, electricians, and exterminators and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety and sanitation may keep working and providing their services to the public
- Water, sewer, gas, electrical infrastructure organizations can continue to operate
- Landscaping services may continue only if they are necessary to protect the safety, sanitation, or operation of essential businesses or residences, such as weed abatement and other fire prevention, tree trimming to prevent a dangerous condition, or clearance of irrigation infrastructure
- Landscaping for cosmetic purposes may not continue
- New residential construction is considered an essential business
- Remodels that are currently underway may continue "if necessary for a safe, sanitary, and functional home"
- Residential remodeling projects that are partly completed may continue "if delaying completion would pose a safety, security, or sanitation risk to residents or impact the habitability of the residence"



- Discretionary remodels may not start “unless it is necessary to restore a home to a safe, sanitary, and habitable space”

Other municipalities and governmental bodies have or may issue similar orders. But we believe that what San Francisco has ordered is sensible and makes sense and could be considered a model for California community associations.

Employees and the Coronavirus

Community associations that have employees do have duties as an employer. And while you may be tempted to ask an employee if he or she has COVID-19, or question if you can send a sick employee home and require a doctor’s note to return or if you should be concerned about staff getting the virus from the mail or a shipping container from China, the short answers are: No. Probably not. No.

Right now, the biggest focus of employers should be preventing person-to-person transmission. The virus doesn’t seem to live much more than a day outside of the body even under the most favorable laboratory conditions, and if it were spreading through the mail or via shipping containers, that would likely have shown up in the epidemiological patterns.

Legally, an employer can require an employee who is visibly sick leave the workplace but should avoid asking too many specifics that might violate an employee’s rights, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. By law, an employer can set specific guidelines for when an employee can return to work, such as whether the employee still has a fever, a cough or other recognizable visual signs of illness. We are informed that the CDC has also recommended that employers not require a doctor’s note, at least not now, for a return to work because doctors are too busy for such clerical requirements. We did not say this makes sense, we are just advising what the law requires.

What associations should do is develop an in-house policy for employees who become sick, whether it be a common cold or coronavirus. Here are some tips for employers:

- Request that employees who have symptoms of acute respiratory illness or fever to stay home until they are free from symptoms for at least 24 hours
- Remind employees of the association’s sick leave policies
- Send home employees that have acute respiratory symptoms (cough, wheezing, etc.)
- Post notices that educate employees about cough and sneezing etiquette and the need to washing hands frequently
- Provide tissues, hand sanitizers with 60% alcohol and soap

- Provide wipes to clean workspace surfaces that contain virus killers
- Advise employees that have been traveling to check the CDC website for traveler's health notices
- Employees that have a sick family member at home should notify their supervisor and refer to CDC guidance for how to conduct a risk assessment for themselves
- If an employee is confirmed to have the coronavirus/COVID-19, employers should notify its other employees of potential exposure to the virus and refer them to the CDC guidelines for guidance for how to conduct a risk assessment for themselves, this may result in employees leaving the workplace and sheltering in place at home
- Maintain confidentiality of any infected employee as required by the ADA and HIPAA regulations
- Prepare for an increased number of sick employees, closed offices, reduced ability to receive and provide services
- Cross-train employees
- Develop telecommuting capabilities
- Increase the physical distance between employees while working in the office
- Identify alternate suppliers of short-term personnel
- Develop a plan or benchmark for when the office(s) would be closed

What Boards of Directors Need to Deal with Now

In the short term (we hope), boards of directors need to make difficult decisions and cancel or postpone community events. This will not make your owners and residents happy, but it will at least control the groups of people who can infect each other. According to California's Department of Public Health, all events where groups of people will be present should be canceled or postponed. Further, the Governor has recommended that all business-related events, which we believe includes annual meetings, possibly board meetings and association celebrations, events or the like should be put on hold until there is a reversal of the effects of the pandemic and there are revised guidelines issued by the Department of Health and a lifting of the recommendations by the Governor. It is also recommended that smaller gatherings, ten people or less should only occur with due care and the guaranteed six feet of space to implement physical distancing.

The COVID-19 coronavirus is here, it is a pandemic and it will impact how all of us live our lives for at least the next couple of months (and maybe, but hopefully not longer). The more we all do to mitigate the spread of the virus, the sooner we will be done dealing with its effects. We hope that all of you stay healthy as we weather what is now a pandemic. Remember to wash your hands for 20 seconds (singing happy birthday to yourself twice), use hand sanitizer, sneeze or cough into a tissue. As we physically distance ourselves, wave hello or bow from at least six



feet away. Also remember that regardless of the impact of a virus on you, anyone can be a carrier of a virus without showing symptoms, and this can significantly impact certain people who are more at risk to a virus, such as those who are elderly and not in excellent health or those who have an underlying health issue. Take care and please let us know how we may be of further assistance to your community associations.

For advice on California community association legal issues, please contact the Community Association Attorneys at SwedelsonGottlieb at 800-327-2207 or info@sghoalaw.com.



On the following pages, you will find informational print materials from the CDC. In addition, here are links to CDC, State and some of the larger California counties:

Center for Disease Control

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

California Department of Public Health

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

Contra Costa County Public Health

<http://www.contracostahealth.org>

Los Angeles Public Health

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

Orange County Public Health

http://www.ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/epidasmt/epi/dip/prevention/novel_coronavirus

Riverside Public Health

<https://www.rivcoph.org>

Sacramento County Public Health

<https://www.saccounty.net/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>

San Bernadino Public Health

<http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/>

San Diego Public Health

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV.html#COVID-19SD

San Francisco Public Health

<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus.asp>

Santa Barbara Public Health

<https://publichealthsb.org>

Santa Clara Public Health

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/DiseaseInformation/novel-coronavirus/Pages/home.aspx>

Ventura County

<https://www.ventura.org/covid19/>

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-33-20

WHEREAS on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS in a short period of time, COVID-19 has rapidly spread throughout California, necessitating updated and more stringent guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials; and

WHEREAS for the preservation of public health and safety throughout the entire State of California, I find it necessary for all Californians to heed the State public health directives from the Department of Public Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8627, and 8665 do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1) To preserve the public health and safety, and to ensure the healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all, and prioritizing those at the highest risk and vulnerability, all residents are directed to immediately heed the current State public health directives, which I ordered the Department of Public Health to develop for the current statewide status of COVID-19. Those directives are consistent with the March 19, 2020, Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response, found at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>. Those directives follow:

ORDER OF THE STATE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER
March 19, 2020

To protect public health, I as State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health order all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, as outlined at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>. In addition, and in consultation with the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, I may designate additional sectors as critical in order to protect the health and well-being of all Californians.

Pursuant to the authority under the Health and Safety Code 120125, 120140, 131080, 120130(c), 120135, 120145, 120175 and 120150, this order is to go into effect immediately and shall stay in effect until further notice.

The federal government has identified 16 critical infrastructure sectors whose assets, systems, and networks, whether physical or virtual, are considered so vital to the United States that their incapacitation or

destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, economic security, public health or safety, or any combination thereof. I order that Californians working in these 16 critical infrastructure sectors may continue their work because of the importance of these sectors to Californians' health and well-being.

This Order is being issued to protect the public health of Californians. The California Department of Public Health looks to establish consistency across the state in order to ensure that we mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Our goal is simple, we want to bend the curve, and disrupt the spread of the virus.

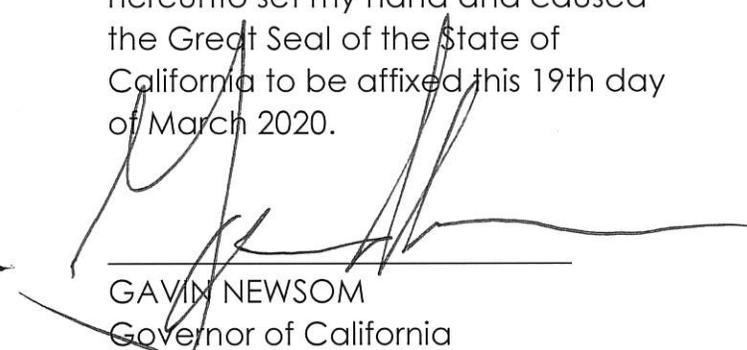
The supply chain must continue, and Californians must have access to such necessities as food, prescriptions, and health care. When people need to leave their homes or places of residence, whether to obtain or perform the functions above, or to otherwise facilitate authorized necessary activities, they should at all times practice social distancing.

- 2) The healthcare delivery system shall prioritize services to serving those who are the sickest and shall prioritize resources, including personal protective equipment, for the providers providing direct care to them.
- 3) The Office of Emergency Services is directed to take necessary steps to ensure compliance with this Order.
- 4) This Order shall be enforceable pursuant to California law, including, but not limited to, Government Code section 8665.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 19th day of March 2020.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



ORDER OF THE STATE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER
March 19, 2020

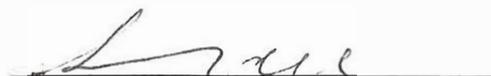
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This Order is being issued to protect the public health of Californians. The California Department of Public Health looks to establish consistency across the state in order to ensure that we mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Our goal is simple, we want to bend the curve, and disrupt the spread of the virus.

The supply chain must continue, and Californians must have access to such necessities as food, prescriptions, and health care. When people need to leave their homes or places of residence, whether to obtain or perform the functions above, or to otherwise facilitate authorized necessary activities, they should at all times practice social distancing.


SONIA Y. ANGELL, MD, MPH

3/19/2020
DATE

SAFER AT HOME ORDER FOR CONTROL OF COVID-19

Temporary Prohibition of All Events and Gatherings
Closure of Non-Essential Businesses and Areas
Revised Order Issued: March 21, 2020

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295; Los Angeles County Code § 11.02.080.)

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER: This County of Los Angeles Health Officer Order (Order) amends and supersedes the Orders of the County of Los Angeles Health Officer (Health Officer) issued on March 16, and 19, 2020. This Revised Order is issued to comply with Executive Order N-33-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, wherein the State Public Health Officer ordered all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors. Further, this Order extends the closure of certain businesses required by the Health Officer's March 16, 2020 Order to April 19, 2020.

Due to the continued rapid spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of our community, this Order prohibits all indoor and outdoor public and private gatherings and events. The Order specifically requires all businesses to cease in-person operations and close to the public, unless the business is defined as an Essential Business by this Order. This Order is effective immediately within the County of Los Angeles Public Health Jurisdiction, defined as all unincorporated areas and cities within the County of Los Angeles, with the exception of the cities of Long Beach and Pasadena, on March 21, 2020 and continuing through April 19, 2020, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

For all Essential Businesses, the Health Officer orders those businesses to take the following infection control precautions: (1) practice social distancing by requiring patrons, visitors, and employees to be separated by six (6) feet, to the extent feasible; (2) provide access to hand washing facilities with soap and water or hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol; (3) post a sign in a conspicuous place at the public entry to the venue instructing members of the public to not enter if they are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness, including fever or cough; and (4) adhere to communicable disease control recommendations provided by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health.

This Order does not prohibit any individual or family from engaging in outdoor activities, as an individual, or family, such as hiking, walking, biking, or shopping at Essential Businesses, including grocery stores and restaurants offering delivery, drive thru or carry out service, so long as all persons practice social distancing to the extent practicable.

Further, this Health Officer Order requires all indoor malls and shopping centers, all swap meets and flea markets, all indoor and outdoor playgrounds and all non-essential businesses to close. This Order does not supersede any stricter limitation imposed by a local public entity.

The County Health Officer will continue to monitor the rate of COVID-19 disease spread, the severity of the resulting illnesses and deaths caused, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations, and the effect of this Order. If needed, this Order may be extended, expanded, or otherwise modified to protect the public's health.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:

1. Effective immediately on March 21, 2020 and continuing through April 19, 2020, all public and private group events and gatherings are prohibited anywhere within the Los Angeles County Public Health Jurisdiction. All persons are to remain in their homes or at their place of residence, except to travel to and from Essential Businesses, to work at or provide service to a Healthcare Operation or Essential Infrastructure, to engage in Essential Activities, or to participate in an individual or family outdoor activity, while practicing social distancing.
2. For Essential Businesses not prohibited by this Order, the owner, manager, or operator of the Essential Business shall:
 - (a) Enforce social distancing measures by requiring members of the public to be separated by at least six (6) feet from others, to the extent feasible. Persons who are family members or household contacts, may stand or move together, but must be separated from others by a distance of at least six (6) feet.
 - (b) Provide access to hand washing facilities with soap and water or to hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.
 - (c) Post a sign in a conspicuous place at all public entries that instructs members of the public to not enter if they are experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness, including fever or cough.
 - (d) Adhere to communicable disease control recommendations provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, including guidance for cleaning and disinfecting the site. See guidance posted at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/.
3. The Health Officer orders the immediate closure of the following types of commercial properties and businesses:
 - (a) Non-Essential Retail Businesses.
 - (b) Indoor Malls and Indoor Shopping Centers, including all stores and vendors therein regardless whether they are an Essential or Non-Essential Retail Business. As an exception, permanent Essential Businesses that are part of an Indoor Mall or Indoor Shopping Center, but that are accessible by the public from the exterior of the Indoor Mall or Shopping Center may remain open. The interior of the Indoor Mall or Indoor Shopping Center shall remain closed to the public.
 - (c) This Order does not require closure of Essential Businesses in Outdoor Malls and Shopping Centers. However, owners and operators of Outdoor Malls and Shopping Centers shall enforce social distancing measures among their visitors as provided in Section 2 (a)-(d).
 - (d) Indoor and Outdoor Playgrounds for Children, except for those located within childcare centers.
 - (e) Indoor and Outdoor Flea Markets and Swap Meets.
 - (f) Additional types of commercial properties and businesses: (i) Bars and Nightclubs that do not serve food; (ii) Gyms and fitness centers; (iii) Movie Theaters, Drive-In Theaters, Live Performance Theaters, Concert Halls, Arenas and Stadiums; (iv) Bowling Alleys and Arcades; and (v) Wineries, Breweries and Tap Rooms that provide tastings.

4. This Order does not supersede any stricter limitation imposed by a local public entity within the Los Angeles County Public Health Jurisdiction.
5. This Order does not apply to employees of government agencies working in the course and scope of their public service employment.

REASONS FOR THE ORDER

6. This Order is based upon scientific evidence and best practices, as currently known and available, to protect members of the public from avoidable risk of serious illness and death resulting from the spread of COVID-19, as well as to protect the healthcare system from a surge of cases into emergency rooms and hospitals. The Order supports the CDC's efforts to institute more stringent and necessary social distancing measures to reduce community transmission of COVID-19.
7. Existing community transmission of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County presents a substantial and significant risk of harm to the health of residents. Currently, there is no vaccine available to protect against and no specific treatment for COVID-19. As of March 20, 2020, there have been at least 351 cases of COVID-19 and 4 deaths reported in Los Angeles County. There remains a strong likelihood of a significant and increasing number of cases of community transmission.
8. The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread easily through person-to-person contact. This risk of transmission is increased when people are in close proximity. All gatherings pose an increased risk for community transmission of COVID-19 and thus, are a substantial risk to public health. As such, places where people gather, such as Indoor Malls and Shopping Centers, Swap Meets and Flea Markets, Children's Playgrounds, and Non-Essential Retail Businesses, provide significant opportunities for patrons or groups of patrons to have close contact with each other. Characteristics of these gatherings that are likely to exacerbate the spread of COVID-19 include, without limitation: (a) that these gatherings and businesses will attract people from throughout the county when there is widespread COVID-19 community transmission, (b) the prolonged time period during which many people are in close proximity at these locations, (c) the difficulty in tracing and controlling additional exposures when large numbers of people visit these places, and (d) visitors may be unknowingly infected with COVID-19 and may not follow adequate hygienic and social distancing practices.
9. In the absence of a specific immunization or treatment for COVID-19, social distancing is essential to preventing this disease. Increasing social distancing and prohibiting events and gatherings is intended to slow transmission of COVID-19. Accordingly, to reduce the community transmission of COVID-19, the Health Officer has ordered the temporary prohibition of all events and gatherings, the closure of Indoor Malls and Shopping Centers as defined in Section 11, and the closure of certain businesses, as described in Section 12.

DEFINITIONS

10. For purposes of this Order, Essential Activities, are defined as travel for purposes of: (a) visiting a health or veterinary care professional; (b) obtaining medical supplies or medication; (c) obtaining grocery items for one's household or for delivery to others; (d) legally mandated governmental purposes, such as access to court, social and administrative services; (e) providing care for minors, the elderly, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons; and (f) complying with an order of law enforcement or court.

11. For purposes of this Order, Indoor Malls and Shopping Centers are defined as:
A building with seven (7) or more "sales or retail establishments" with adjoining indoor space.
For purposes of this Order, Outdoor Malls and Shopping Centers are defined as:
A series of buildings on a common site, either under common ownership or common control or developed together, with seven (7) or more "sales or retail establishments."
12. Non-Essential Retail Businesses are establishments that provide goods or services to the public that do not come within the definition of Essential Businesses set forth in Paragraph 13 of this Order.
13. For purposes of this Order, Essential Businesses are defined as the following:
 - (a) Grocery stores, certified farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, warehouse stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, pet supply, water, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning or personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences;
 - (b) Food processors, confectioners, food packagers, food testing labs that are not open to the public, and food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
 - (c) Organizations and Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals (including gang prevention and intervention, domestic violence, and homeless service agencies);
 - (d) Newspapers, television, radio, magazine, podcast and journalism activities;
 - (e) Gas stations, auto-supply, mobile auto repair operations, auto repair shops (including, without limitation, auto repair shops adjacent to or otherwise in connection with a retail or used auto dealership), and bicycle repair shops and related facilities;
 - (f) Banks, credit unions, financial institutions and insurance companies;
 - (g) Hardware stores, nurseries; building supply stores;
 - (h) Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, custodial/janitorial workers, handyman services, funeral home workers and morticians, moving services, HVAC installers, carpenters, vegetation services, tree maintenance, landscapers, gardeners, property managers, private security personnel and other service providers who provide services to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation to properties and other Essential Businesses;
 - (i) Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
 - (j) Educational institutions (including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities) for purposes of facilitating distance learning, providing meals for pick-up, or performing essential functions, provided that social distancing is practiced;
 - (k) Laundromats, dry cleaners, laundry service providers;
 - (l) Restaurants and other food facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery, drive thru or carry out. Indoor and outdoor table dining is not permitted. Cafeterias, commissaries, and restaurants located within hospitals, nursing homes, or other licensed health care facilities may provide dine-in service, as long as social distancing is practiced pursuant to Section 2(a)-(d).



- (m) Businesses that supply office or computer products needed by people who work from home;
 - (n) Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
 - (o) Businesses that ship, truck, provide logistical support or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences, Essential Businesses, Healthcare Operations, and Essential Infrastructure;
 - (p) Airlines, taxis, ride sharing services and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for activities of daily living and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;
 - (q) Businesses that manufacture parts and provide service for Essential Infrastructure;
 - (r) Home-based care for seniors, adults, disabled persons, or children;
 - (s) Residential facilities and shelters for homeless residents, disabled persons, seniors, adults, children and animals;
 - (t) Professional services, such as legal, payroll or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities, and the permitting, inspection, construction, transfer and recording of ownership of housing, including residential and commercial real estate and anything incidental thereto;
 - (u) Military/Defense Contractors/FFRDC (Federally Funded Research and Development Centers). For purposes of this Order, essential personnel may leave their residence to provide any service or perform any work deemed essential for national security including, but not limited to defense, intelligence and aerospace development and manufacturing for the Department of Defense, the Intelligence Community, and NASA and other federal government, and or United States Government departments and agencies. Essential personnel include prime, sub-primes, and supplier contractor employees, at both the prime contract level and any supplier levels at any tier, working on federal United States Government contracts such as contracts rated under the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) and contracts for national intelligence and national security requirements;
 - (v) Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted. To the extent possible, childcare facilities must operate under the following mandatory conditions: (1) Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer ("stable" means the same twelve (12) or fewer children are in the same group each day); (2) Children shall not change from one group to another; (3) If more than one (1) group of children is cared for at once facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other; (4) Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.
 - (w) Hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities.
 - (x) Construction Workers who support the construction, operation, inspection, and maintenance of construction sites and construction projects (including housing construction).
14. This Order is intended to deter the spread of COVID-19 by preventing people from being in unnecessary close contact. Certain activities are essential to the functioning of the County and the well-being of our residents and must continue.
15. This Order does not prohibit persons from leaving their residences to perform any work necessary or provide any services to or obtain services from the following Essential Infrastructure and Healthcare Operations:

- (a) Healthcare Operations (hospitals, clinics, laboratories, dentists, pharmacies, physical therapists and chiropractors, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other licensed healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare service providers, mental or behavioral health providers, alcohol and drug treatment providers, cannabis dispensaries with a medicinal cannabis license and all other required state and local licenses, medical or scientific research companies, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services, manufacturers, distributors and servicers of medical devices, diagnostics, and equipment, veterinary care, and all healthcare provided to animals. This exemption shall be construed to avoid any impact to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. Healthcare Operations does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar exercise or training facilities.
- (b) Essential Infrastructure, including but not limited to, public health, public works construction, construction of commercial, office and institutional buildings, construction of housing, airport operations, port operations, food supply, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil extraction and refining, road and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, flood control and watershed protection, internet and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), and manufacturing and distribution companies deemed essential as part of the Essential Infrastructure supply chain, provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with social distancing requirements, to the extent practicable.

ADDITIONAL TERMS

- 16. This Order does not, in any way, restrict: (a) first responder access to the site(s) named in this Order during an emergency or (b) local, state or federal officers, investigators, or medical or law enforcement personnel from carrying out their lawful duties at the site(s) named in this Order.
- 17. The entities subject to this Order that are not required to close may otherwise remain open for business and perform essential functions and operations during the duration of this Order.
- 18. The County shall promptly provide copies of this Order by: (a) posting it on the Los Angeles Department of Public Health's website (www.publichealth.lacounty.gov), (b) posting it at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (c) providing it to any member of the public requesting a copy, (d) issuing a press release to publicize the Order throughout the county, and (e) by serving via email on large facilities known to the County's Health Officer that are likely to be subject to this Order (but service via email is not required for compliance).
 - (a) The owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public requesting a copy.
 - (b) Because guidance may change, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is subject to this Order is ordered to consult the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's website (www.publichealth.lacounty.gov) daily to identify any modifications to the Order and is required to comply with any updates until the Order is terminated.
- 19. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER**



20. This Order incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and the March 4, 2020 declarations of a local and public health emergency issued by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer, respectively, and as they may be supplemented.
21. To protect the public's health, the Health Officer may take additional action(s) for failure to comply with this Order. Violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both under California Health and Section Code Section 120295 *et seq.* Further, pursuant to Sections 26602 and 41601 of the California Government Code and Section 101029 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and the Chiefs of Police in all cities located in the Los Angeles County Public Health Jurisdiction ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Muntu Davis, MD, MPH
Health Officer, County of Los Angeles

Date: March 21, 2020

HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19

Public Health Emergency Isolation Order

Date Order Issued: March 25, 2020

This Order is in effect until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER

California is in a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a substantial danger to the health of the public within the County of Los Angeles. COVID-19 can easily spread between people who are in close contact with one another. Everyone is at risk for becoming ill with COVID-19, but some people are more vulnerable to serious illness, including pneumonia and organ failure, or death, due to their age, physical state, and/or health status. Currently, there is no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19 and no specific treatment for its symptoms.

In order to help slow COVID-19's spread, protect vulnerable individuals, and prevent the healthcare system in the Los Angeles County from being overwhelmed, it is necessary for the County of Los Angeles Health Officer ("Health Officer") to require the self-isolation of persons diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, 120175, 120215, 120220, AND 120225 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:

All individuals who have been diagnosed with or who are likely to have COVID-19 must isolate themselves. These persons are required to follow all instructions in this Order and the Public Health guidance documents referenced in this Order.

Isolation Requirements for Individuals Diagnosed with or Likely to have COVID-19

All individuals who have been diagnosed with or are likely to have COVID-19 must immediately take the following actions:

- **Isolate themselves in their home or another residence until: (a) at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery, defined as resolution of fever without use of fever-reducing medications and improvement of respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), AND (b) at least 7 days since symptoms first appeared, whichever is later.** Until this time, they may not leave their place of isolation or enter any other public or private place, except to receive necessary medical care.
- **Carefully review and closely follow all requirements listed in the "Home Isolation Instructions for People with Coronavirus-2019 (COVID-19) Infection,"** which is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

- **Tell others who live in their residence, intimate partner(s), their caregiver(s), and other persons who were in close contact with them while they were symptomatic that they need to quarantine themselves. Refer them to the “Home Quarantine Guidance for Close Contacts to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)” document, which is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).** This document describes steps that household contacts, intimate partners, caregivers, and other close contacts must take to prevent spread of COVID-19. This is necessary because close contacts have likely been exposed to COVID-19 and, if infected, can easily spread COVID-19 to others, even if they have only mild symptoms.

Individuals are required to isolate themselves because they have or are likely to have COVID-19.

Self-isolation is immediately required if a person meets one or more of the following factors:

- a) A positive lab test for COVID-19
- b) Signs and symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19 within 14 days of being in close contact with a person who had or was believed to have had COVID-19 **OR**
- c) A physician has informed the individual that they are likely to have COVID-19.

These persons are required to self-isolate because a person infected with or likely to have COVID-19 can easily spread the virus to others. Isolation separates these ill individuals from others to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This Order protects everyone, including people who are high risk for serious illness, such as older adults and people with weakened immune systems.

Isolated individuals must isolate themselves in a residence and follow all directions in this Order until they are no longer at risk for spreading COVID-19 based upon the following criteria:

- a) At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery, defined as resolution of both fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement of cough, shortness of breath, and other symptoms **AND**
- b) At least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, whichever is later.

The Health Officer may take additional action(s), which may include civil detention or requiring one to stay at a health facility or other location, to protect the public's health if an individual who is subject to this Order violates or fails to comply with this Order. Violation of this Order is also a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both. (Health and Safety Code §120295; Los Angeles County Code §11.02.080.)

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Muntu Davis, MD, MPH
Health Officer, County of Los Angeles

Date: MARCH 25, 2020

HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19

Public Health Emergency Quarantine Order

Date Order Issued: March 25, 2020

This Order is in effect until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER

California is in a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a substantial danger to the health of the public within the County of Los Angeles. COVID-19 can easily spread between people who are in close contact with one another. Individuals in close contact with a person diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19 may easily become infected and spread it even if they have only mild symptoms. There is no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19 and no specific treatment for its symptoms. Everyone is at risk for becoming ill with COVID-19, but some people are more vulnerable to serious illness, including pneumonia, organ failure, or death, due to their age, physical state, and/or health status.

In order to help slow COVID-19's spread, protect vulnerable individuals, and prevent the healthcare system in Los Angeles County from being overwhelmed, it is necessary for the County of Los Angeles Health Officer ("Health Officer") to require the self-quarantine of persons exposed to a person diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19. Quarantine separates individuals who were exposed to COVID-19 from others, until it is determined that they are not at risk for spreading the disease. This protects everyone, including people who are high risk for serious illness, such as older adults and people with weakened immune systems.

**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
SECTIONS 101040, 101085, 120175, 120215, 120220, AND 120225,
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:**

All household contacts, intimate partners, caregivers, and close contacts who have been in close contact with a person diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19 while that person was symptomatic must quarantine themselves. Persons quarantined are required to follow all instructions in this Order and the Public Health guidance documents referenced in this Order.

***Quarantine Requirements for Household Contacts, Intimate Partners,
Caregivers, and Close Contacts of Persons with or Likely to Have COVID-19***

A person is considered to be a close contact of a person with or likely to have COVID-19 if they: (a) were within six (6) feet for more than 10 minutes OR (b) had unprotected direct contact to secretions or excretions (e.g., sneeze or cough) of a person diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19.

All individuals who know that they have been in close contact, as a household member, an intimate partner, a caregiver outside of a healthcare setting, or other close contact, with a person diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19 while that person was symptomatic (ill), are required to take the following actions:

- **Be quarantined in their home or another residence until 14 days from the last date that they were last in contact with the symptomatic person with or likely to have COVID-19.** Self-quarantine is necessary if an individual has had close contact with a person who has:
 - a) A positive lab test for COVID-19
 - b) Signs and symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19 within 14 days of being in close contact with a person who had or was believed to have had COVID-19 **OR**
 - c) Been informed by a physician that they are likely to have COVID-19.

Individuals are required to quarantine themselves for the entirety of the 14-day COVID-19 incubation period because they are at high risk for developing and spreading COVID-19. Quarantined persons may not leave their place of quarantine or enter any other public or private place during the period of quarantine, except to receive necessary medical care.

- **Carefully review and closely follow all requirements listed in the “Home Quarantine Guidance for Close Contacts to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19),”** which is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- **If a quarantined person becomes sick with fever, cough, or shortness of breath (even if their symptoms are very mild), to protect others from COVID-19, they should isolate themselves at home and away from other people and follow the “Home Isolation Instructions for People with Coronavirus-2019 (COVID-19) Infection,”** which is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). This is because they are likely to have COVID-19 and if so, can spread it to others.

The Health Officer may take additional action(s), which may include civil detention at a health facility or other location, to protect the public's health if an individual who is subject to this Order violates or fails to comply with this Order. Violation of this Order is also a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both. (Penal Code § 120295, et seq.; Los Angeles County Code § 11.02.080.)

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Muntu Davis, MD, MPH
Health Officer, County of Los Angeles

Date: MARCH 25, 2020

ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE # 010

Date: 3-18-20 Time: 16:40 hours

COUNTY ISSUES AMENDED HEALTH ORDER AND GUIDANCE

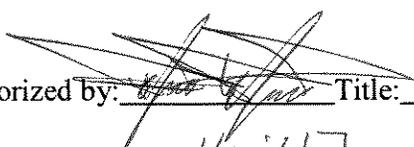
The Public Health Order issued by the County Health Officer on March 17, 2020 has been amended in light of new and changing State guidelines and to provide clarity for Orange County residents and businesses. It is important for all Orange County residents and businesses to read the Order and Guidance in its entirety.

It is important for Orange County businesses to remain open while practicing social distancing consistent with the California Department of Public Health's guidance. However, following State guidelines, all bars and other establishments that serve alcohol and do not serve food shall close. All restaurants and other business establishments that serve food shall close all onsite dining. Pickup, delivery and drive thru services may remain open. All movie theatres, gyms, and health clubs shall close.

The strong recommendations in the amended Order and Guidance are intended to be consistent with State guidelines and are made to protect and preserve public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

As this is a rapidly evolving situation, the Order and Guidance may be revised and/or extended at any time.

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document will be released later to provide additional clarification related to the Order and Guidance.

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Should you have questions, please contact the County of Orange Public Information Hotline at (714) 628-7085. Please do not call 9-1-1 unless it is an emergency.

For general information about COVID-19, please call the OC Health Care Agency's (HCA) Health Referral Line at (800) 564-8448, visit <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/novelcoronavirus>, or follow the HCA on Facebook (@ochealthinfo) and Twitter (@ochealth).

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AMENDED ORDER AND GUIDANCE OF THE ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER [REVISED 3/18/2020]

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 101040, 120175, and 120175.5 (b), the Orange County Health Officer ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. In light of new written, changing state guidance, this Order revises the prior order issued by the Orange County Health Officer on March 17, 2020. The March 17, 2020, order is no longer in effect as of the effective date and time of this Order.
2. Except as provided herein, nothing in this document prohibits businesses or other entities from operating within Orange County. Businesses and entities should operate in accordance with social distancing guidelines issued by the California Department of Public Health.
3. Effective immediately, and continuing until 11:59 p.m., on March 31, 2020, public or private Gatherings, defined by the California Department of Public Health are prohibited. See, *CDPH Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Gatherings*, dated March 16, 2020, available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/cdph-guidance-gatherings-covid19-transmission-prevention-03-16-2020.pdf>

Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household, family, or living unit, or the utilization of caregivers.

4. This Order does not prohibit activities such as attendance at regular school classes, going to work, or performing essential services. In accordance with state guidance, certain activities are essential to the functioning of our County and must continue. Hence, with respect to the prohibition on Gatherings, this Order does not apply to essential public transportation, airport travel, shopping at a store, mall, or farmers' market, or charitable food pantries and distributions, or to congregate living situations, including dormitories and homeless encampments. See, <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>

5. In accordance with written guidance issued on March 16, 2020 by the California Department of Public Health, relating to *Retail Food, Beverage, and Other Related Service Venues*, (1) all bars and other business establishments that serve alcohol and do not serve food shall close; and (2) all movie theatres, gyms, and health clubs shall close. Food and beverage establishments, food trucks, grocery stores and charitable food distribution sites, and certified farmers' markets are required to follow guidance released from the California Department of Public Health on March 16, 2020. All food served shall be by delivery, or through pick-up or drive-through. For purposes of food delivery and pick-up, social distancing, defined as maintaining a six-foot separation per person for non-family members, shall be required.
6. In accordance with *Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers* issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, employers shall not require a healthcare provider's note for employees who are sick with acute respiratory illness to validate their illness or to return to work, as healthcare provider offices and medical facilities may be extremely busy and not able to provide such documentation in a timely way.

Guidance

7. A strong recommendation is made that all persons who are 65 years and older, or have a serious chronic medical condition (like heart disease, lung disease, and diabetes), or have a compromised immune system remain at home consistent with guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health on *Self-Isolation for Older Adults and Those Who Have Elevated Risk*.
8. A strong recommendation is made for persons exhibiting mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 to self-isolate themselves in their place of residence unless seeking medical care.
9. A strong recommendation is made that all businesses enact social distancing, increased sanitation standards, and make every effort to use telecommuting for its workforce.
10. A strong recommendation is made that all residents are to heed any orders and guidance of state and local health officials related to COVID-19.

General Provisions

11. This Order and Guidance is necessary to protect and preserve the public health from, and prevent, the increasing transmission of COVID-19 in California and the significant risk of widespread introduction and transmission of COVID-19 into the County.

12. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 120175.5 (b) all governmental entities in the County shall take necessary measures within the governmental entity's control to ensure compliance with this Order and to disseminate this Order to venues or locations within the entity's jurisdiction where a large gathering may occur.
13. This Order and Guidance shall not supersede any conflicting or more restrictive orders issued by the State of California or Federal governments. If any portion of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

As this is a rapidly evolving situation, this Order and Guidance may be revised and/or extended at any time.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: March 18, 2020



Dr. Nichole Quick
Orange County Health Officer

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

As Director of Emergency Services for the County of Orange, I am authorized to promulgate regulations for the protection of life and property pursuant to Government Code Section 8634 and Orange County Codified Ordinance Section 3-1-6(b)(1). The following shall be in effect for the duration of the Orange County Health Officer Order issued above which is incorporated in its entirety by reference:

The Orange County Health Officer Order shall be promulgated as a regulation for the protection of life and property.

Any person who violates or who refuses or willfully neglects to obey this regulation is subject to fine, imprisonment, or both. (Government Code section 8665.)

Date: March 18, 2020



Frank Kim
County Executive Officer
County of Orange

ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE # 024

Date: 3-24-2020 Time: 17:51 hours

CLOSURE OF OC PARKS AREAS TO SLOW SPREAD OF COVID-19

To minimize the impacts of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on park patrons, OC Parks is implementing closures expected to reinforce social distancing and reduce large public gatherings. These measures are in line with recommendations from federal, state and local health agencies.

Closures effective Wednesday, March 25, 2020 include:

- Parking lots at all County beaches, regional parks and wilderness parks
- Parking spaces at all County trailheads
- Pedestrian access points at Thousand Steps, Table Rock, West, Camel Point, and Treasure Island beaches
- Restrooms, playgrounds, exercise equipment, and shelters at all County parks and beaches

Passive walk-through pedestrian, cycling and equestrian activity is permitted.

For a list of County beaches and parks and more information, visit ocparks.com.

The following Orange County cities that also have implemented closures:

- **Huntington Beach**
City beach parking lots (12:00 am, March 25)
<https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/>
- **Laguna Beach**
City beaches, trailheads
<http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/>
- **Newport Beach**
City beach parking lots, piers
<https://www.newportbeachca.gov/>

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- **San Clemente**
City beach parking lots, pier
<https://www.san-clemente.org/>
- **Seal Beach**
City beaches, beach parking lots, pier, parks, biking trails
<https://www.sealbeachca.gov/>

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For general information about COVID-19, please call the OC Health Care Agency’s (HCA) Health Referral Line at (800) 564-8448, visit <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/novelcoronavirus>, or follow the HCA on Facebook ([@ochealthinfo](https://www.facebook.com/ochealthinfo)) and Twitter ([@ochealth](https://twitter.com/ochealth)).

For non-medical questions, contact the County of Orange Public Information Hotline at (714) 628-7085.

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ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

CANCELLING ALL GATHERINGS

DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 17, 2020

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295; County Code Section 31.0101 Et. Seq.)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CODE SECTION 31.0101 ET. SEQ., THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ("HEALTH OFFICER") ORDERS:

1. This Order revokes and replaces the Order originally issued on March 12, 2020. That order is no longer in effect as of the effective date and time of this Order.
2. Effective as of 12:01 a.m. on March 18, 2020 and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2020, public or private Gatherings, as defined in this Order, are hereby prohibited in the County. A "gathering" is any event or convening that brings together people in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, or any other indoor or outdoor space. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.
3. This Order does not apply to activities such as attendance at regular school classes, work, or essential services. Certain activities are essential to the functioning of our state and must continue. Hence, this Order does not apply to essential public transportation, airport travel, grocery stores or charitable food distribution, certified farmers' markets, and shopping at a store or mall. This Order also does not apply to congregate living situations, including dormitories and homeless encampments.
4. All bars, adult entertainment establishments, and other business establishments that serve alcohol and do not serve food, shall close. All movie theatres, gyms, and health clubs shall close. Food and beverage establishments are required to follow guidance released from the California Department of Public Health on March 16, 2020 (www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-

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5. The Health Officer strongly cautions that persons aged 65 years and older and person of any age with certain underlying health conditions are at increased risk should they contract COVID-19, and are encouraged to self-quarantine.
6. This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide epidemic of COVID-19 disease, also known as “novel coronavirus,” which has infected at least 118,000 individuals worldwide in 115 countries and is implicated in over 4,200 worldwide deaths.
7. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 within the County, in the state of California, and worldwide, 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.
8. This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide. This Order will help to reduce the number of Californians who contract COVID-19 before an effective treatment or vaccine is available; protect those most likely to experience severe symptoms, such as older Californians and those with underlying chronic conditions; preserve and protect our healthcare delivery system; and minimize the social and economic impacts of COVID-19 over the long run.
9. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the: March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 10, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in San Bernardino County; the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino proclaiming the existence of a Local Emergency in the County of San Bernardino regarding COVID-19; and the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino ratifying and extending the Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to COVID-19.
10. This Order comes after the release of guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to cancel all gatherings to fight the spread of COVID-19 (www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/cdph-guidance-gatherings-covid19-transmission-prevention-03-16-2020.pdf).
11. 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.
12. This Order shall not supersede any conflicting or more restrictive orders issued by the State of California or Federal governments, including any requirements regarding child care. If any portion of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

13. To the extent necessary, pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, this order is enforceable by the Sheriff and all Chiefs of Police in the County. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of San Bernardino Health Administration office located at 351 N. Mountain View Ave., #303, San Bernardino, CA 92415; (2) posted on the County of San Bernardino Public Health Department's website (wp.sbcounty.gov/dph); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

 *Erin Gustafson, MD, MPH*

Dated: March 17, 2020

Dr. Erin Gustafson, MD, MPH
Acting Public Health Officer
County of San Bernardino

Approved as to form and legality:



Dated: March 17, 2020

Adam Ebright
County Counsel
County of San Bernardino



ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. C19-07

**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTING
ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE COUNTY TO SHELTER AT THEIR
PLACE OF RESIDENCE EXCEPT THAT THEY MAY LEAVE TO
PROVIDE OR RECEIVE CERTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES OR
ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES AND WORK FOR
ESSENTIAL BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES; EXEMPTING
INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FROM THE
SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER BUT URGING THEM TO FIND SHELTER
AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE IT; DIRECTING ALL
BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO CEASE NON-
ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS IN THE
COUNTY; PROHIBITING ALL NON-ESSENTIAL GATHERINGS OF
ANY NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS; AND ORDERING CESSATION OF
ALL NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL**

(SHELTER IN PLACE)

DATE OF ORDER: March 16, 2020

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295, *et seq.*; California Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1); San Francisco Administrative Code section 7.17(b).)

Summary: The virus that causes Coronavirus 2019 Disease (“COVID-19”) is easily transmitted, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety. Because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect all members of the community and the Bay Area region, especially including our members most vulnerable to the virus and also health care providers, this Order requires all individuals anywhere in San Francisco to shelter in place—that is, stay at home—except for certain essential activities and work to provide essential business and government services or perform essential public infrastructure construction, including housing. This order begins at 12:01 a.m. on March 17, 2020 and will continue for three weeks through April 7, 2020, subject to the limited exceptions and under the terms and conditions more particularly set forth below.

Gatherings of individuals outside the home are generally prohibited, with certain exceptions for essential activities or essential travel or to perform work for essential businesses and government agencies or perform essential infrastructure work. Consistent



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with the directive issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 15, 2020, all bars and nightclubs are ordered closed. Restaurants and cafes—regardless of their seating capacity—that serve food are ordered closed except solely for takeout and delivery service. Additionally, all gyms and recreation facilities are ordered closed. Homeless individuals are not subject to the shelter in place order but are strongly urged to find shelter and government agencies are urged to take steps needed to provide shelter for those individuals.

Under any of the limited circumstances in which individuals are allowed to interact in person outside their residence, the Health Officer orders individuals to abide by the following requirements: (i) maintain at least six feet from other individuals, wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, cover coughs or sneezes, and not shake hands; (ii) for people with medical conditions, regardless of age, that put them at higher risk of serious complications should they get COVID-19, and other than health care workers and other essential providers, avoid leaving their homes to the extent possible; and (iii) for employers in San Francisco that do not provide essential businesses or government services, take all steps necessary for employees to work remotely from home to the extent possible. These requirements build on the California Department of Public Health and United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines issued March 11, 2020, extended as necessary to address the health emergency affecting the Bay Area region. No individual who is sick may go to the workplace or be outside the home except as necessary to seek or receive medical care in accordance with guidance from public health officials. The Health Officer may revise this Order as the situation evolves, and facilities must stay updated by checking the City Administrator’s website (sfgsa.org) regularly.

This Order revokes and replaces Order Number C19-05b, issued March 13, 2020, and C19-02, issued March 7, 2020. Those orders are no longer in effect as of the effective date and time of this Order. This Order does not revoke Order Numbers C19-01b, C19-03, C19-04, or C19-06.

**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:**

- 1. The intent of this Order is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue, to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. When people need to leave their places of residence, whether to obtain or perform vital services, or to otherwise facilitate authorized activities necessary for continuity of social and commercial life, they should at all times reasonably possible comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 10 below. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to**



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comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and creates an immediate menace to public health.

2. **All individuals currently living within the City and County of San Francisco (the “County”) are ordered to shelter at their place of residence. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses, all as defined in Section 10. Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this Section, but are strongly urged to obtain shelter, and governmental and other entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent practicable (and to use COVID-19 risk mitigation practices in their operation).**
3. **All businesses with a facility in the County, except Essential Businesses as defined below in Section 10, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the County except Minimum Basic Operations, as defined in Section 10. For clarity, businesses may also continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home). All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 10 below, including by maintaining six-foot social distancing for both employees and members of the public, including, but not limited to, when any customers are standing in line.**
4. **All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes as expressly permitted in Section 10. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.**
5. **All travel, including, but not limited to, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit, except Essential Travel and Essential Activities as defined below in Section 10, is prohibited. People must use public transit only for purposes of performing Essential Activities or to travel to and from work to operate Essential Businesses or maintain Essential Governmental Functions. People riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 10 below, to the greatest extent feasible. This Order allows travel into or out of the County to perform Essential Activities, operate Essential Businesses, or maintain Essential Governmental Functions.**
6. **This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 within the County and throughout the Bay Area, scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, and evidence that the**



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age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the County places it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in the general public, which is now a pandemic according to the World Health Organization, there is a public health emergency throughout the County. Making the problem worse, some individuals who contract the COVID-19 virus have no symptoms or have mild symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus. Because even people without symptoms can transmit the disease, and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, gatherings can result in preventable transmission of the virus. The scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed. One proven way to slow the transmission is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable. By reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this Order helps preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the County.

7. This Order also is issued in light of the existence of 37 cases of COVID-19 in the County, as well as at least 258 confirmed cases and at least three deaths in neighboring Bay Area counties, as of 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 16, 2020, including a significant and increasing number of suspected cases of community transmission and likely further significant increases in transmission. Widespread testing for COVID-19 is not yet available but is expected to increase in the coming days. This Order is necessary to slow the rate of spread and the Health Officer will re-evaluate it as further data becomes available.
8. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, the February 25, 2020 Proclamation by the Mayor Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency issued by Mayor London Breed, as supplemented on March 11, 2020, the March 6, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) issued by the Health Officer, and guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health, as each of them have been and may be supplemented.
9. This Order is also issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference the March 12, 2020 Executive Order (Executive Order N-25-20) issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. Executive Order N-25-20 expressly orders that “[a]ll residents are to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials, including but not limited to the imposition of social distancing measures, to control the spread of COVID-19.” This Order is also based on statements by Governor Newsom during a press conference on March 15, 2020, indicating the guidance of the State of California that all nightclubs, bars, wineries, and brewpubs close and that persons 65 years old and older isolate at home.



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10. Definitions and Exemptions.

- a. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following “Essential Activities.” But people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care.
 - i. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies they need to work from home.
 - ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
 - iii. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, or running.
 - iv. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.
 - v. To care for a family member or pet in another household.
- b. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work for or obtain services at any “Healthcare Operations” including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. “Healthcare Operations” also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. “Healthcare Operations” does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.



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- c. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of “Essential Infrastructure,” including, but not limited to, public works construction, construction of housing (in particular affordable housing or housing for individuals experiencing homelessness), airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined this Section, to the extent possible.**
- d. For purposes of this Order, all first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel, and others working for or to support Essential Businesses are categorically exempt from this Order. Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing “Essential Governmental Functions.” Essential Governmental Functions means all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies and provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. All Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined this Section, to the extent possible.**
- e. For the purposes of this Order, covered businesses include any for-profit, non-profit, or educational entities, regardless of the nature of the service, the function they perform, or its corporate or entity structure.**
- f. For the purposes of this Order, “Essential Businesses” means:**

 - i. Healthcare Operations and Essential Infrastructure;**
 - ii. Grocery stores, certified farmers’ markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences;**
 - iii. Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;**



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- iv. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;**
- v. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;**
- vi. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities;**
- vii. Banks and related financial institutions;**
- viii. Hardware stores;**
- ix. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses;**
- x. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;**
- xi. Educational institutions—including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities—for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions, provided that social distancing of six-feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible;**
- xii. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers;**
- xiii. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so under this Order on the condition that the food is provided to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. Schools and other entities that provide food services under this exemption shall not permit the food to be eaten at the site where it is provided, or at any other gathering site;**
- xiv. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home;**
- xv. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;**



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- xvi. **Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences;**
 - xvii. **Airlines, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;**
 - xviii. **Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;**
 - xix. **Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;**
 - xx. **Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities;**
 - xxi. **Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted. To the extent possible, childcare facilities must operate under the following mandatory conditions:**
 - 1. **Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer (“stable” means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day).**
 - 2. **Children shall not change from one group to another.**
 - 3. **If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other.**
 - 4. **Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.**
- g. For the purposes of this Order, “Minimum Basic Operations” include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined this Section, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:**
- i. **The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business’s inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions.**
 - ii. **The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.**



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- h. For the purposes of this Order, “Essential Travel” includes travel for any of the following purposes. Individuals engaged in any Essential Travel must comply with all Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section.**
 - i. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses, or Minimum Basic Operations.**
 - ii. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.**
 - iii. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services.**
 - iv. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction.**
 - v. Travel required by law enforcement or court order.**
 - vi. 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.**
 - i. For purposes of this order, residences include hotels, motels, shared rental units, and similar facilities.**
 - j. For purposes of this order Social Distancing Requirements includes maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.**
- 11. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and the Chief of Police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and creates an immediate menace to public health.**
- 12. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 17, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 7, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.**



ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. C19-07

- 13. The City must promptly provide copies of this Order as follows: (1) by posting on the City Administrator's website (sfgsa.org) and the Department of Public Health website (sfdph.org); (2) by posting at City Hall, located at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl., San Francisco, CA 94102; and (3) by providing to any member of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy.**
- 14. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.**

IT IS SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tomás Aragón".

Tomás J. Aragón, MD, DrPH,
Health Officer of the
City and County of San Francisco

Dated: March 16, 2020

STAY WELL AT HOME

ORDER OF THE VENTURA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

ORDER DIRECTING PERSONS LIVING IN THE COUNTY OF VENTURA TO STAY AT THEIR PLACES OF RESIDENCE AND RESTRICTING NON- ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 20, 2020

Please read this Order carefully. This Order supplements the Health Officer's Order dated March 17, 2020, and the Governor's Executive Order N-33-20 dated March 19, 2020. All prior orders of the Health Officer remain in place.

PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 101040, 101085 AND 120175 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF VENTURA COUNTY HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Intent. Consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N-33-20, the intent of this Order is to ensure that the maximum number of persons stay in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue, to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. When persons need to leave their places of residence, whether to obtain or perform vital services, or to otherwise facilitate authorized activities necessary for continuity of social and commercial life, they should at all times reasonably possible comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined below. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent and to be consistent with and in furtherance of the Governor's Executive Order N-33-20. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.
2. Persons to stay in places of residence. All persons currently living within Ventura County are ordered to stay at their places of residence, as required by the Governor's Executive Order N-33-20, subject to the exemptions set forth in this Order. This Order applies to all persons in the incorporated cities and the entire unincorporated area of Ventura County (the "County"). To the extent persons are outside of their places of residence, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from any other person.

Persons of all ages may leave their places of residence for the purpose of physical activity by themselves or with members of their household in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, such as walking, running, bicycling or working around their places of residence, including gardening. Persons experiencing homelessness are exempt from this section, but are strongly urged to obtain shelter, and governmental and other entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent practicable (and to use Social Distancing Requirements in their operation).

3. Exemptions to the order to stay in places of residence. Except for persons governed by section 1 of the Health Officer's Order dated March 17, 2020, persons may leave their places of residence only for Essential Activities and Essential Governmental Functions or Services or to operate or work at Essential Businesses. (All capitalized terms in this Order are defined in section 7 below.)
4. Businesses to close. All businesses with a facility in the County, except Essential Businesses, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the County except Minimum Basic Operations. For clarity, businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own places of residence. All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements, including for any customers standing in line. For the purposes of this Order, businesses as used in this section include any for-profit, non-profit or educational entities, regardless of the nature of their services, the functions they perform, or their corporate or entity structure.
5. Gatherings of more than 10 persons prohibited. All public and private gatherings of more than 10 persons who are not part of a single household or living unit are prohibited, except for gatherings as part of the operation of an Essential Business. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit within a place of residence or the operation of a shelter for persons experiencing homelessness.
6. Travel prohibited. All travel, including, but not limited to, travel on motorcycle, automobile or public transit, except for Essential Travel and Essential Activities, is prohibited. Persons may use public transit only for purposes of performing Essential Activities or to travel to and from work at Essential Businesses or to maintain, provide or receive Essential Governmental Functions or Services. Persons riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements, to the greatest extent feasible. This Order allows travel into or out of the County to perform Essential Activities, operate Essential Businesses or to maintain or provide Essential Governmental Functions or Services.
7. Definitions and exemptions.

For the purposes of this Order:

- a. Essential Activities. Persons may leave their places of residence only to perform any of the following "Essential Activities" (but persons at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and persons who are sick are urged to stay in their places of residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care):
 - i. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including pets), such as, by way of example, obtaining medical supplies

or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies needed to work from a place of residence.

- ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish and poultry, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of places of residence.
 - iii. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the persons comply with Social Distancing Requirements, such as, by way of example, walking, hiking, running, bicycling or yard work.
 - iv. To perform work providing products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.
 - v. To care for a family member or pet in another household.
- b. Healthcare Operation. Persons may leave their places of residence to work for or obtain services at any “Healthcare Operation,” including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other licensed healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services, including blood donation centers. “Healthcare Operation” also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. “Healthcare Operation” does not include fitness and exercise gyms, aquatic centers and similar facilities.
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- d. Essential Governmental Functions or Services. Government functions or services performed by first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel, and others who need to perform essential governmental functions or services, as such may be

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- e. Essential Businesses. “Essential Businesses” means:
- i. Healthcare Operations and Essential Infrastructure;
 - ii. Grocery stores, certified farmers’ markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned or frozen food, dry goods, beverages, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of places of residence;
 - iii. Any form of agricultural production and processing, including the cultivation of products for personal consumption or use, including farming and services provided by farmworkers, ranching, livestock, and fishing, as well as business activities that support production and processing by providing essential agricultural supplies and services, including transportation, manufacturing, equipment, and services such as cooling, storing, packaging, and distribution of such products for wholesale or retail sale, provided that, to the extent possible, such businesses comply with Social Distancing Requirements and otherwise provide for the health and safety of their employees;
 - iv. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged, compromised or otherwise needy persons;
 - v. Newspapers and television, radio, and other media services;
 - vi. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities;
 - vii. Banks and related financial institutions;
 - viii. Hardware stores;
 - ix. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of places of residence, Essential Activities and Essential Businesses;
 - x. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
 - xi. Educational institutions, including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities, for purposes of facilitating distance learning or

- performing essential functions, in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, to the greatest extent possible;
- xii. Laundromats, drycleaners and laundry service providers;
 - xiii. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so under this Order on the condition that the food is provided to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. Schools and other entities that provide food services under this exemption shall not permit the food to be eaten at the site where it is provided, or at any other gathering site;
 - xiv. Businesses that supply products needed for persons to work from their places of residence;
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 - xvi. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to places of residence;
 - xvii. Airlines, taxis and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;
 - xviii. Home-based care for seniors, adults or children;
 - xix. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults and children;
 - xx. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities;
 - xxi. Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted. Childcare facilities must operate under the following mandatory conditions:
 - 1. Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer (“stable” means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day).
 - 2. Children shall not change from one group to another.
 - 3. If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other.
 - 4. Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.
 - xxii. Hotels, motels, bed-and-breakfast establishments and other businesses that provide transient occupancy for visitors to the County, provided that such businesses require their patrons to stay in place as otherwise required by this Order.
 - xxiii. Commercial construction provided that such activity implements Social Distancing Requirements to the extent feasible and otherwise provides for the health and safety of employees.

- f. Minimum Basic Operations. “Minimum Basic Operations” means and includes the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:
 - i. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business’s inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions.
 - ii. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their places of residence.

 - g. Essential Travel. “Essential Travel” means and includes travel within or without the County, or between the various counties, for any of the following purposes, subject to Social Distancing Requirements:
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 - ii. Travel to care for elderly persons, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
 - iii. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services.
 - iv. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the County.
 - v. Travel required by law enforcement or court order.
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8. Commercial laboratory test results. All commercial laboratories that test persons in the County for the presence of COVID-19 must report all test results (whether positive or negative) to the County Public Health Department laboratory within eight hours of receiving the test results.
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10. Effective date and time. This Order shall become effective and operative at 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020, and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
11. Continuing assessment. The Health Officer will continue to assess the quickly evolving situation, may issue additional orders related to COVID-19 and will review this Order within two weeks of its effective date.
12. Copies of Order. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of Ventura Public Health Office, 2240 East Gonzalez Road, Suite 210, Oxnard, California, 93036; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department website (available at www.vchca.org/ph); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
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14. March 17, 2020, Order. This Order supplements the Order dated March 17, 2020, which remains in full force and effect pursuant to its terms.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Robert Levin, M.D.
Ventura County Health Officer

Dated: March ____, 2020

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 120295 et seq., violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

STAY WELL AT HOME

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Ventura County Health Officer

Dated: March 20, 2020

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 120295 et seq., violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

FACT
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Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

FACT
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Some people are at increased risk of getting COVID-19.

People who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or people who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread are at an increased risk of exposure.

FACT
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Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

FACT
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You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Seek medical advice if you

- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

FACT
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There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Si usted está enfermo con COVID-19 o sospecha que está infectado por el virus que causa el COVID-19, tome las medidas mencionadas a continuación para ayudar a prevenir que la enfermedad se propague a personas en su casa y en la comunidad.

Quédese en casa, excepto para conseguir atención médica

Debe restringir las actividades fuera de su casa, excepto para conseguir atención médica. No vaya al trabajo, la escuela o a áreas públicas. Evite usar el servicio de transporte público, vehículos compartidos o taxis.

Manténgase alejado de otras personas y de los animales en su casa

Personas: en la medida de lo posible, permanezca en una habitación específica y lejos de las demás personas que estén en su casa. Además, debería usar un baño aparte, de ser posible.

Animales: mientras esté enfermo, no manipule ni toque mascotas ni otros animales. Consulte la página del [COVID-19 y los animales](#) para obtener más información.

Llame antes de ir al médico

Si tiene una cita médica, llame al proveedor de atención médica y dígame que tiene o que podría tener COVID-19. Esto ayudará a que en el consultorio del proveedor de atención médica se tomen medidas para evitar que otras personas se infecten o expongan.

Use una mascarilla

Usted debería usar una mascarilla cuando esté cerca de otras personas (p. ej., compartiendo una habitación o un vehículo) o de animales, y antes de entrar al consultorio de un proveedor de atención médica. Si no puede usar una mascarilla (por ejemplo, porque le causa dificultad para respirar), las personas que vivan con usted no deberían permanecer con usted en la misma habitación, o deberían ponerse una mascarilla si entran a su habitación.

Cúbrase la nariz y la boca al toser y estornudar

Cúbrase la nariz y la boca con un pañuelo desechable al toser o estornudar. Bote los pañuelos desechables usados en un bote de basura con una bolsa de plástico adentro; lávese inmediatamente las manos con agua y jabón por al menos 20 segundos o límpieselas con un desinfectante de manos que contenga al menos un 60 % de alcohol, cubra todas las superficies de las manos y fróteselas hasta que sienta que se secaron. Si las manos están visiblemente sucias, es preferible usar agua y jabón.

Evite compartir artículos del hogar de uso personal

No debe compartir platos, vasos, tazas, cubiertos, toallas o ropa de cama con otras personas o animales que estén en su casa. Después de usar estos artículos, se los debe lavar bien con agua y jabón.

Límpiese las manos con frecuencia

Lávese frecuentemente las manos con agua y jabón por al menos 20 segundos. Si no hay agua y jabón disponibles, límpieselas con un desinfectante de manos que contenga al menos un 60 % de alcohol; cubra todas las superficies de las manos y fróteselas hasta que sienta que se secaron. Si las manos están visiblemente sucias, es preferible usar agua y jabón. Evite tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca con las manos sin lavar.

Limpie todos los días todas las superficies de contacto frecuente

Las superficies de contacto frecuente incluyen los mesones, las mesas, las manijas de las puertas, las llaves y grifos del baño, los inodoros, los teléfonos, los teclados, las tabletas y las mesas de cama. Limpie también todas las superficies que puedan tener sangre, heces o líquidos corporales. Use un limpiador de uso doméstico, ya sea un rociador o una toallita, según las instrucciones de la etiqueta. Las etiquetas contienen instrucciones para el uso seguro y eficaz de los productos de limpieza, incluidas las precauciones que debería tomar cuando aplique el producto, como usar guantes o asegurarse de tener buena ventilación mientras esté usando el producto.

Vigile sus síntomas

Busque atención médica rápidamente si su enfermedad empeora (p. ej., si tiene dificultad para respirar). Antes de hacerlo, llame a su proveedor de atención médica y dígame que tiene COVID-19, o que está siendo evaluado para determinar si lo tiene. Póngase una mascarilla antes de entrar al consultorio. Estas medidas ayudarán a que en el consultorio del proveedor de atención médica se pueda evitar la infección o exposición de las otras personas que estén en el consultorio o la sala de espera.

Pídale a su proveedor de atención médica que llame al departamento de salud local o estatal. Las personas que estén bajo monitoreo activo o automonitoreo facilitado deben seguir las indicaciones provistas por los profesionales de salud ocupacional o de su departamento de salud local, según corresponda.

Si tiene una emergencia médica o necesita llamar al 911, avísele al personal del centro de llamadas que tiene COVID-19 o lo están evaluando para determinarlo. De ser posible, póngase una mascarilla antes de que llegue el servicio médico de emergencias.

Interrupción del aislamiento en la casa

Los pacientes con COVID-19 confirmado deben permanecer bajo precauciones de aislamiento en la casa hasta que el riesgo de transmisión secundaria a otras personas se considere bajo. La decisión de interrumpir las precauciones de aislamiento en la casa debe tomarse según cada caso en particular, en consulta con proveedores de atención médica y departamentos de salud estatales y locales.



STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



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DETENGA LA PROPAGACIÓN DE LOS MICROBIOS

Ayude a prevenir la propagación de virus respiratorios como el nuevo COVID-19.

Evite el contacto cercano con las personas enfermas.



Cúbrase la nariz y la boca con un pañuelo desechable al toser o estornudar y luego bótelos a la basura.



Limpie y desinfecte los objetos y las superficies que se tocan frecuentemente.



Evite tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca.



Quédese en casa si está enfermo, excepto para buscar atención médica.



Lávese las manos frecuentemente con agua y jabón por al menos 20 segundos.



阻止病毒传播

帮助预防呼吸道病毒如 COVID-19 的传播。

避免与患病的人近距离接触。



咳嗽和打喷嚏时，用纸巾遮住
口鼻，然后将纸巾
扔进封闭的垃圾箱。



避免触碰自己的眼睛、鼻子和嘴巴。



对频繁接触的物体和表面
进行清洁和消毒。



生病时请留在家中，
除非要接受医疗救治。



经常用肥皂和水洗手，
每次至少 20 秒钟。

