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## ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT SUPPLEMENTING THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER TO ALLOW DESIGNATION OF LOWER RISK BUSINESSES AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO STAGE 2 OF CALIFORNIA'S "ROADMAP TO MODIFY THE STAY-AT-HOME ORDER"

## DATE OF ORDER: MAY 19, 2020 EFFECTIVE UNTIL RESCINDED

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.)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101085, 120175, and Penal Code 409.5(a), THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT ("HEALTH OFFICER") ORDERS:

- 1. This Order does not replace but supplements the Shelter in Place Order previously issued by the Humboldt County Health Officer on March 30, 2020 ("Shelter Order"). This Order modifies certain requirements of the Shelter Order in accordance with the State of California's "Roadmap to Modify the Stay-at-Home Order" regarding transmission of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"). The Shelter Order has resulted in reduced rate of transmission and adequate hospital capacity. This Order balances the risk of increased transmission and the need to protect individuals at high risk of disease, with the social, emotional, and economic impact of certain restrictions.
- 2. The State Shelter Order is complementary to the Local Shelter Order and all other orders, including this Order, issued by the local Health Officer. Where a conflict exists between a local order and any state public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the most restrictive provision controls pursuant to, and consistent with, California Health and Safety Code § 131080 and the Health Officer Practice Guide for Communicable Disease Control in California, unless the State Health Officer issues an order that expressly determines a provision of the Shelter in Place Order is a menace to public health. Any more restrictive provision(s) in the Shelter in Place Order shall continue to apply and control in this County.



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3. Residents are still mandated to limit activity outside their home except to access essential and low risk services as approved by this Order, to work in an approved essential or low risk business setting and for approved recreational activity. People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are still ordered to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care or access essential services. Nothing herein prevents a person at high risk of severe illness from leaving home for the reasons otherwise allowed under this Order, if the Essential Activity, Essential Business, or other permissible conduct cannot reasonably be accomplished at their place of residence.

- 4. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or living unit are still prohibited except for the limited purposes expressly permitted by this Order. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit (i.e., same residence).
- 5. On May 13, 2020, the Health Officer submitted the Humboldt County COVID-19 Containment Plan to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) along with a letter of support from the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. This submission represented a request to CDPH to grant Humboldt County the ability to navigate through Stage Two of the Governor's Roadmap to Recovery Plan, at a pace set locally rather than by the State of California. The acceptance of the report, its review and its subsequent posting on the CDPH website on May 14, 2020, signaled CDPH recognition of Humboldt County's readiness to manage the local control of Stage Two.
- 6. Movement through Stage Two of the Governor's Roadmap to Recovery Plan will be informed by on-going monitoring of Humboldt County COVID-19 epidemiologic data, healthcare system capacity and the local continued capacity to provide a sufficient public health response. Indicators reflecting these capacities will inform decisions as to which shelter in place restrictions should be modified and when to do so. The COVID-19 indicators include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. The trend in number of new COVID-19 cases, the doubling time for new cases and number of unlinked transmissions among new cases.
  - b. The current capacity of hospitals and the healthcare system within the County and region, to provide care for both COVID-19 and non COVID-19 patients, including during a surge in COVID-19 cases.
  - c. Adequacy of the supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) available for healthcare providers and personnel who need PPE to safely respond to and treat COVID-19 patients. This includes Skilled Nursing Facilities and other congregate settings.



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- d. The testing capacity to identify new cases and assess their contacts in a timely manner, particularly among high risk individuals and in high risk congregate settings.
- e. The ability to initiate and conduct robust and rapid case investigation for an increasing number of new cases and their associated contacts including issuance of appropriate isolation and quarantine orders.
- 7. The Governor's Early Stage Two modifications to its Stay in Place order and Humboldt County's current preparedness make it appropriate to revise certain restrictions imposed by the Prior Shelter Order and allow individuals to engage in a limited set of additional activities and perform work for a limited set of additional businesses and activities outlined in Stage Two of the Governor's Road To Recovery. The Health Officer will continually review whether modifications to the Order are justified based on (1) the current status of COVID-19 indicators; (2) developments in epidemiological and diagnostic methods for tracing, diagnosing, treating, or testing for COVID-19; and (3) scientific understanding of the transmission dynamics and clinical impact of COVID-19.
- 8. The Health Officer will add or remove business categories associated with lower risk of COVID-19 transmission outlined in Stage Two through a signed order which will add or remove business listed on the Allowable Business List ("List"), published by the County at <a href="https://humboldtgov.org/2725/Local-Orders#AllowableServices">https://humboldtgov.org/2725/Local-Orders#AllowableServices</a>
  An individual business within an allowable category under the List may open to the public after obtaining an approval certificate from the Humboldt County Emergency Operations Center and meeting all the requirements of Section 10. The List is subject to continual review of the factors stated in Sections 6 & 7 by the Health Officer.
- 9. The Health Officer's inclusion of a business category on the List shall add the designated business category and travel to access that business category locally to the permitted activities of Section 9 of the March 30, 2020 Order.
- 10. A business approved by the Health Officer for inclusion on the List or activity allowed under this Order shall comply with:
  - a. The Sector-specific safety guidance's provided by the California Department of Public Health which may be found at: https://humboldtgov.org/2756/Business-Compliance
  - b. Their safety plan as submitted to the Emergency Operations Center and approved.
  - c. The Health Officer's April 24, 2020 Facial Coverings Order which remains in full force and effect.



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11. The Health Officer has determined that the following activities and businesses, prohibited under the March 30, 2020 Order, are now permitted as per the Governor's Executive Order N-60-20, the Order of the State Public Health Officer of May 7, 2020. This list is subject to review under the Section 6 & 7 factors.

- a. To attend a funeral with no more than 10 individuals present while maximizing streaming or similar technology.
- b. Golfing as singles, carts allowed.
- c. Tennis, table tennis, badminton and volleyball all as singles rather than teams.
- d. Offices, in all sectors, not just essential. Employers should allow for and encourage employees to work remotely when the work can be done effectively in that manner. Offices must apply for and have approval by the County Emergency Operations Center.
- e. Childcare for children of all workers (not just essential), under the Governor's childcare guidance rules and with approval by the County Emergency Operations Center or its designate agency.
- f. Retail businesses that can operate serving customers through curbside or delivery only as well as their logistics and manufacturing supports may operate. Through the Humboldt County Stage Two Variance, these businesses may also apply through the Emergency Operations Center for approval to serve customers indoors.
- 12. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 11, 2020 Declaration of the Health Officer; the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt Ratifying and Extending the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency, and Ratifying and Extending the Proclamation of a Local Emergency and Executive Order No. N-33-20. This Order is also issued in light of the March 19, 2020 Order of the State Public Health Officer (the "State Shelter Order"), which set baseline statewide restrictions effective until further notice, as well as the Governor's May 4, 2020 Executive Order N-60-20.
- 13. This Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the County Health Officer, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials throughout the United States and around the world, including a variety of prior orders to combat the spread and harm of COVID-19. The Health Officer will continue to assess the quickly evolving situation and may modify or issue additional Orders related to COVID-19. This Order also adopts and incorporates by reference subsequent amendments, designations, directives, or guidance issued by the State of California pertaining to its Stay-at-Home Order and any such issuances pertaining to the process for reopening businesses and activities using a four-stage



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framework, which includes provisions for reopening of lower-risk businesses and spaces ("Stage Two"), to be followed by the reopening of higher-risk businesses and spaces ("Stage Three") to allow for the gradual resuming of various activities while continuing to preserve public health in the face of COVID-19.

- 14. This Order is effective upon signature until rescinded, and may be extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
- 15. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) posted on the County website and (2) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
- 16. If any provision of this Order to 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.
- 17. Except as modified herein, all provisions of the March 30, 2020 Order remain in full force and effect.

Date Issued: 5/19/2020 By: [Signed copy on file]

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Time: 11:45 a.m. Health Officer, County of Humboldt

