REVISED 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 “RESILIENCE ROADMAP TO MODIFY THE STAY-AT-HOME ORDER”

DATE OF ORDER: JUNE 17, 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EFFECTIVE UNTIL RESCINDED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 revised Order replaces the Supplemental Order of May 19, 2020 and 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.
3. Residents are still mandated to limit activity outside their home to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible and mitigate the impact on delivery of critical healthcare services. This Order allows activity to access essential, low risk, some higher risk services and outdoor recreation, as approved by this Order. People at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are still ordered to stay in their residence to the extent possible. 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. When people need to leave their places of residence, they should at all times comply with social distancing (keeping 6 feet from others who are not part of household unit) except as expressly provided in this Order and are also required to wear facial coverings as provided by the Health Officer’s Order of April 28, 2020.

4. Current scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it remains essential to continue to slow virus transmission to help, a) protect the most vulnerable, b) prevent the healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed; c) prevent long-term chronic health conditions such as cardiovascular, kidney and respiratory damage -and d) prevent deaths. The continuation of the Prior Order is necessary to manage the spread of COVID-19 disease to preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the County. At the same time, since the original Order was issued, the County has made significant progress in expanding healthcare resources, increasing testing capacity and developing additional contact tracing capacity.

5. 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).

6. On May 13th, 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 take over local control of the Recovery Plan as economic and social sector guidance is released by the Governor’s Office.
7.6. Movement through the Governor’s Resilience Roadmap Recovery Plan will be informed by ongoing 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.

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.

8.7. The State Health Officer’s modifications to her Shelter in Place order on May 7, 2020, the Governor’s Resilience Roadmap 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 widening set of additional activities and perform work for a widening set of additional businesses and activities as outlined in Stage Two and Three of the Governor’s Resilience Roadmap 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. Skilled nursing facilities should follow state guidance regarding appropriate surveillance, testing, visitation and other COVID-19 policies within their facility.

9. The Health Officer will add or remove business categories associated with lower risk of COVID-19 transmission outlined in Stages Two and Three through a signed order which will add or remove business listed on the Allowable Business List (“List”),
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.

10. 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. In addition, the State Health Officer’s Amended Order of May 7 states, “To prevent further spread of COVID-19 to and within other jurisdictions within the state, Californians should not travel significant distances and should stay close to home.” The Humboldt County Order restricting travel to essential travel only is now amended to align with the State’s and allow travel for non-essential activities. However, the Health Officer strongly recommends that Humboldt residents limit travel outside the County since most travel at this time increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission for the traveler and other residents of Humboldt County.

40.11. 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 24th Facial Coverings Order which remains in full force and effect.

   d. Social distancing of 6 feet or more to the maximum extent possible.

   e. Any additional sector-specific provisions set forth in this Order.

   f. Approved businesses shall post their Emergency Operations Center Certificate within public view and approved plan on their website or make it available to the public upon request.

44.12. The Health Officer has determined that the following activities and businesses, prohibited under the March 30 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 and additional allowances for Stage Two and Three Sectors under the Governor’s Resilience Roadmap. 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 in groups no greater than four individuals. Carts may only be shared by members of the same household unit.**

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. To the extent possible, childcare and day camps are strongly encouraged to operate under the additional following conditions:

- Limit group size to no more than 10-12 (typically including 10 children and 2 adults)
- Utilize ongoing small, stable cohorts of children and staff who do not mix with other groups in the setting

f. **Retail businesses.**

g. **Limited Services e.g. businesses which do not generally require close customer contact and can be provided with appropriate social distancing throughout such as laundromats, dry cleaners, other laundry services, auto repair, car washes, landscapers, pet groomers, dog walking and tanning beds. Sector-specific guidance for Limited Services is available on the County website.**

h. **Restaurants:** Those with bowling alleys, pool tables, arcade games, etc. also need to submit a plan for these activities when they are authorized at the County level under the guidance for family entertainment centers. Concerts and performances in these venues are not yet authorized under local or state Orders.

i. **Salons and Barber Shops.**

j. **Campgrounds and RV Parks as operated by local governmental entities (State and Federal Parks shall be controlled by their jurisdictional guidance) or privately-owned campgrounds permitted pursuant to Humboldt County Code and for camping with members of one household unit with strict adherence to the COVID-19 Industry Guidance:**

- Each campground operator must have an individual caretaker/manager available on-call 24/7 (and available to be on site within one hour) to monitor and adhere to COVID-19 industry Guidance and for COVID-19 related issues. The campground operator must have an employee or contractor (by specific agreement) designated for this purpose. Such name and contact number shall be posted and made available upon request to public health authorities.
- Total capacity must be reduced to accommodate social distancing and to
preserve vacancy for isolation and quarantine purposes should a guest develop COVID-19 or be identified as a contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

- Reservations and occupancy must be staggered to accommodate thorough cleaning and disinfection between each use.

- In the event a guest is determined by a medical professional to require isolation or quarantine for COVID-19 while staying in any campground, each campground operator must cooperate with public health authorities and agree to provide space for guests who are required to isolate or quarantine pursuant to the Health Officer’s orders. This may include, if deemed safe and appropriate by public health authorities, providing housing, if available, for the impacted guests at the campground such as in cabins with appropriate private bathroom facilities.

- As part of each reservation or booking and prior to occupancy, each campground must identify each adult in the party and obtain contact phone numbers.

k. Outdoor Recreation: Business entities that operate primarily outdoors (e.g. kayak, bicycle rentals, charter fishing) must follow state-provided sector guidance and submit plans for approval to the County.

f.l. Places of Worship may open for in-person religious services and cultural ceremonies provided that each such establishment follow the specific COVID-19 Guidance. Such entities should also continue to encourage and facilitate remote services and other related activities, particularly for those who are vulnerable to COVID-19 serious illness including older adults and those with underlying medical conditions. Although Places of Worship are not required to submit a plan to the County for Approval, they are encouraged to do so. Places of Worship are also asked to maintain a sign-in sheet for attendees of services for 14 days after each service in order to facilitate contact investigation should a case occur among attendees or clerical staff.

13. Additional local openings of higher risk entities are anticipated over the coming weeks to months. Sector-specific guidance will be posted on the County website and businesses may submit their plan for approval on that site. Once a sector is approved by the State and a County certificate is issued, the business may begin providing that service upon compliance with the terms of their Plan and requirements of this Order. Upcoming sectors will include the following:

a. Hotels, Lodging and Short Term Rentals: With the exception of unlicensed campgrounds (i.e. rentals of private land for tourist-based camping, glamping and RV travelers) and short-term rentals of space within occupied units (e.g. occupied units with shared facilities) which are not permitted, all transient lodging (defined as the provision of lodging services for a period of thirty
and including Vacation Rentals (defined as the short-term rental or unoccupied single dwelling units e.g. house, apartment, duplex, condominium, cottage, yurt etc.) for tourism and individual travel, may open with strict adherence to the state guidance for this sector and the following restrictions when this sector is opened locally by the Health Officer.

- Each transient lodging operator must have an individual caretaker/manager available on-call 24/7 (and available to be on site within one hour) to monitor and adhere to COVID-19 industry Guidance and for COVID-19 related issues. The operator must have an employee or contractor (by specific agreement) designated for this purpose. Such name and contact number shall be posted and made available upon request to public health authorities.

- Reservations and occupancy for each multi-room or multi-unit establishment for any purpose (essential travel or tourism) should not be booked to the establishment’s maximum room/capacity on a daily basis in order to preserve capacity for isolation and quarantine purposes should guests become ill with COVID-19 and require isolation or become contacts of a case and require quarantine. For vacation rentals, it is recommended that a cancellation policy is created to allow any booking impacted by COVID-19 to remain on site for the duration of the required isolation or quarantine.

- Reservations and occupancy must be staggered to accommodate thorough cleaning and disinfection between each use.

- In the event a guest is determined by a medical professional to require isolation or quarantine for COVID-19 while staying in any lodging, each operator must cooperate with public health authorities and agree to provide space for guests who are required to isolate or quarantine pursuant to the Health Officer’s orders.

- Adult guests must be informed of the potential need to prolong their stay should there be a need to isolate or quarantine and agree upon how ongoing lodging and provision of food and necessities will be managed in this situation. Both operator and guests should be aware that lodging and provision of food and necessities will not be the responsibility of Humboldt County.

- Any rental unit intended for large gatherings, including conferences and events, should not be opened until such operations are permitted to resume.

b. Personal Services

- Providers of services involving the face (facials, electrolysis, waxing)
where client cannot use a face covering, should consider not offering these services and if offering, strongly consider use of a medical grade facial covering, such as an isolation or surgical mask. N95 masks should be reserved for medical personnel. Prolonged close exposure to a client who is not wearing a facial covering, particularly in a small closed space, may increase COVID-19 exposure for the service provider.

c. Gyms and Fitness Facilities:
   • Entities operating childcare or day care services will need to also follow the state provided guidance and submit plans to the County for these operations

d. Movie Theaters and Family Entertainment Centers

e. Museums, Galleries, Zoos and Aquariums

42.14. 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.

43.15. 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 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.
14.16. This Order is effective upon signature until rescinded, and may be extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

15.17. 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.

16.18. 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.

17.19. Except as modified herein, all provisions of the March 30, 2020 Order remain in full force and effect.

Date Issued: By:

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Teresa Frankovich, MD MPH

Time: Health Officer, County of Humboldt