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ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT ESTABLISHING REVISED MANDATORY RISK REDUCTION MEASURES APPLICABLE TO ALL ACTIVITIES AND SECTORS TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

DATE OF ORDER: NOVEMBER 3, 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EFFECTIVE UNTIL RESCINDED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 June 17, 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 "Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe" 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. Community spread of infection remains a significant concern across the state. In addition to the impact on the general population, community spread increases the likelihood of expanded transmission of COVID-19 in congregate settings such as nursing homes, homeless shelters, jails and prisons. Infection of vulnerable populations in these settings can be catastrophic. Higher levels of community spread also increase the likelihood of infection among individuals at higher risk of serious outcomes from COVID-19, including the elderly and those with underlying health conditions who might live or otherwise interact with an infected individual. COVID-19 infection is also disproportionately impacting our essential workforce. The anticipated influenza season is likely to impose additional burdens on the healthcare delivery system, increasing demand for space, supplies, and personnel.



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3. 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.
4. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Humboldt County Public Health are continually monitoring new scientific evidence and improving our understanding of the disease. Based on the current state of the pandemic in California and current scientific understanding of transmission, CDPH has developed a framework to gradually reopen businesses and activities while reducing the risk of increased community spread. A targeted system for sector re-openings which considers both current epidemiological conditions and the latest understanding of transmission risk in certain sectors has been constructed by CDPH which allows monitoring of both counties and sectors for evidence of increased epidemiological risk to reduce risk as California continues to reopen its economy and protect public health. California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe sets forth in detail the basis for the new state-wide Framework.
5. This Local Order requires risk reduction measures to be in place across all business sectors and activities, ensuring necessary precautions are followed as we adapt the way we live and function in light of the ongoing threat that the virus poses. The Health Officer will continue to monitor data regarding and evolving scientific understanding of the risks posed by COVID-19 and may amend or rescind this Order based on analysis of that data and knowledge. As of the effective date and time of this Order set forth below, all individuals and businesses in the County are required to follow the provisions of this Order.
6. 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.

7. In addition to complying with all provisions of this Order, all individuals and entities, including all businesses, must also follow any applicable directives issued by the County Health Officer and any applicable "COVID-19 Industry Guidance" issued by the California Department of Public Health, available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>. To the extent that provisions in the directives of the County Health Officer and the guidance of the State Health Officer conflict, the more restrictive provisions apply.
8. For clarity, individuals who do not currently reside in the County must comply with all applicable requirements of the Order when they are in the County.
9. 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 services and outdoor recreation, as approved by this Order. People at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are strongly recommended 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 and September 1, 2020.
10. On August 28, 2020, the state of California released its Blueprint for a Safer Economy, a modified roadmap for reopening titled "California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe." It establishes four tiers (yellow, orange, red and purple) that correspond to specific local epidemiologic metrics. Each county in California is assigned to a tier based on its local data as calculated weekly over a seven-day period with a seven-day lag. Movement between less and more restrictive tiers occurs as changes in local epidemiology warrant. The Blueprint may be found at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy>. Specific sectors of the economy are permitted by the state to open in accordance with the assigned local tier following sector-specific safety guidance, unless prohibited by local order.
11. Local movement through "California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californian's Healthy and Safe," tiered system will be informed by on-going monitoring of Humboldt County COVID-19 epidemiologic data, healthcare system capacity, social equity metrics and the local continued capacity to provide a sufficient public health response.



Indicators reflecting these capacities will inform decisions as to which economic sectors should be modified and when to do so according to the established CDPH Framework. The local COVID-19 indicators include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. The case rate per 100,000 residents, the positivity rate, 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.
12. The State Health Officer's modifications to her Shelter in Place Order on May 7, 2020 and June 17, 2020, the new tiered framework established in the State's "Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californian's Healthy and Safe," 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 the State Plan. 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.
13. The Allowable Business List ("List"), for Humboldt County is published by the County at <https://humboldt.gov/2725/Local-Orders#AllowableServices>
14. An individual business within an allowable category under the List may open to the public after obtaining an approval certificate from Humboldt County. The List is subject to continual review of epidemiologic data, social equity metrics and healthcare system capacity metrics by the State and Humboldt County Health Officer. The List also includes information about modifications necessary for operation such as maximum capacity and location (indoor versus outdoor).
15. Both state and local initial shelter in place orders restricted travel for essential



services only. The State Health Officer's Amended Order of May 7, 2020 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 was similarly amended in the June 17, 2020 Health Officer Order to align with the State's Amended Order and allows travel for non-essential activities while strongly urging residents to limit travel outside the county and to use all COVID-19 prevention measures while traveling.

16. 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://humboldt.gov/2756/Business-Compliance>
 - b. Their safety plan as submitted to the County and approved.
 - c. The Health Officer's September 1, 2020 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 Humboldt County Certificate within public view and approved plan on their website or make it available to the public upon request.
17. As activities are opened, 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.
18. 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") and subsequent State Public Health Officer Orders dated May 7, 2020, July 13, 2020, and August 28, 2020, which set baseline statewide restrictions effective until further notice, as well as the Governor's May 4, 2020 Executive Order N-60-20.
19. This Order is effective upon signature until rescinded, and may be extended,



rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

- 20. 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.
- 21. 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.
- 22. Except as modified herein, all provisions of the March 30, 2020 Order remain in full force and effect.

Date Issued:

11/3/2020

Time:

11:45 am

By:



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