

Mariposa County Variance to Stage 2 of California's Roadmap to Modify the Stay-At-Home Order

Background

On March 4, 2020 Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19, and on March 12, 2020, through Executive Order N-25-20, he directed all residents to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials. Subsequently, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 directing all residents to heed the State Public Health Officer's Stay-at-Home order which requires all residents to stay at home except for work in critical infrastructure sectors or otherwise to facilitate authorized necessary activities. On April 14th, the State presented the Pandemic Roadmap, a four-stage plan for modifying the Stay-at-Home order, and, on May 4th, announced that entry into Stage 2 of the plan would be imminent.

Given the size and diversity of California, it is not surprising that the impact of COVID-19 has differed across the state. While some counties are still in the initial stabilization phase (Stage 1) of the pandemic response, there are a number of less affected counties. Provided these counties are able to demonstrate an ability to protect the public and essential workers, they may be in a position to adopt aspects of Stage 2 of California's roadmap at a faster pace than the state as a whole. As directed by the Governor in Executive Order N-60-20, this guidance provides information on the criteria and procedures that counties will need to meet in order to move more quickly than other parts of the state through Stage 2 of modifying the Stay-at-Home order. It is recommended that counties consult with cities and other stakeholders as they consider moving through Stage 2.

Local Variance

A county that has met certain criteria in containing COVID-19 may consider increasing the pace at which they advance through Stage 2, but not into Stage 3, of California's roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order. Counties are encouraged to first review this document in full to consider if a variance from the state's roadmap is appropriate for the county's specific circumstances. If a county decides to pursue a variance, the local public health officer must:

1. Notify the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and engage in a phone consultation regarding the county's intent to seek a variance.
2. Certify through submission of a written attestation to CDPH that the county has met the



readiness criteria (outlined below) designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Attestations should be submitted by the local public health officer, and accompanied by a letter of support from the County Board of Supervisors, as well as a letter of support from the local hospitals or health care systems. In the event that the county does not have a hospital or health care system within its jurisdiction, a letter of support from the relevant regional health system(s) is also acceptable. The full submission must be signed by the local public health officer.

All county attestations, and submitted plans for moving through Stage 2 as outlined below, will be posted publicly on CDPH's website.

While not required, CDPH recommends as a best practice the development of a county COVID-19 containment plan by the local public health officer in conjunction with the hospitals and health systems in the jurisdiction, as well as input from a broad range of county stakeholders, including the County Board of Supervisors.

In addition to pre-submission phone consultations, CDPH is available to provide technical assistance to counties as they develop their attestations and COVID-19 containment plans. Please email Jake Hanson at Jake.Hanson@cdph.ca.gov to set up a time with our technical assistance team.

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Readiness for Variance

The county's documentation of its readiness to increase the pace through Stage 2 must clearly indicate its preparedness according to the criteria below. This will ensure that individuals who are at heightened risk, including for example the elderly and those residing in long-term care and locally controlled custody facilities, continue to be protected as a county progresses through California's roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order, and that risk is minimized for the population at large.

As part of the attestation, counties must provide specifics regarding their movement through Stage 2 (e.g., which sectors, in what sequence, at what pace), as well as clearly indicate how their plans differ from the state's order.

It is critical that any county that submits an attestation continue to collect and monitor data to demonstrate that the variances are not having a negative impact on individuals or healthcare systems. Counties must also attest that they have identified triggers and have a clear plan and approach if conditions worsen for modifying the pace of advancing through stage 2, including reinstating restrictions, in advance of any state action. Counties must also submit their plan for how they anticipate moving through Stage 2 (e.g., which sectors will be opened, order of opening etc.).

Readiness Criteria

To establish readiness for an increased pace through Stage 2 of California's roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order, a county must attest to the following readiness criteria and provide the requested information as outlined below:

Epidemiologic stability of COVID-19. A determination must be made by the county that the prevalence of COVID-19 cases is low enough to be swiftly contained by an epidemiological response. Given the anticipated increase in cases as a result of modifications, this is a foundational parameter that must be met to safely increase the county's progression through Stage 2. The county must attest to:

- No more than 1 COVID-19 case per 10,000 in the past 14 days based on date of diagnosis prior to attestation submission date.

Mariposa County has a population of 18,251, per the last census. This would put our allowable case count at 2 within a 14 day period, per the guidance outlined by the State. Mariposa County has had a total of 15 cases. These consist of two known clusters. The first cluster was identified on April 27, 2020. All cases have completed their isolation periods. All contacts will have completed their quarantines by the time the variances are implemented. The other two cases are associated with an outbreak in a rehabilitation facility in Stanislaus County. These cases were diagnosed on May 4 and 5. Although these are Mariposa residents, they do not reflect a chain of transmission within the County. Using this criteria, Mariposa County could implement variances of Stage 2 by May 13, 2020.

- No COVID-19 death in the past 14 days prior to attestation submission date.

Mariposa County has had zero COVID-19 deaths.

Protection of Stage 1 essential workers. A determination must be made by the county that there is clear guidance and the necessary resources to ensure the safety of Stage 1 essential critical infrastructure workers. The county must attest to:

- Guidance for employers and essential critical infrastructure workplaces on how to structure the physical environment to protect essential workers. Please provide copies of the guidance(s).

All Mariposa County guidances are in accordance with CDPH.

[Retail Guidance](#)

[Childcare Guidance](#)

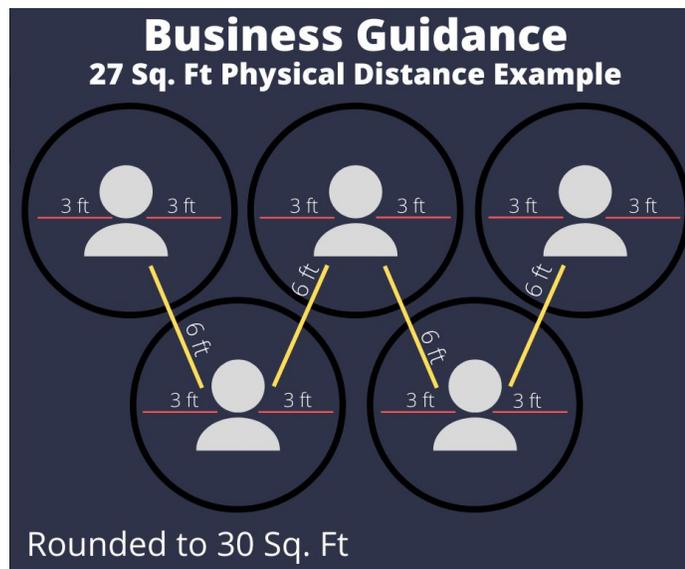
[Office Guidance](#)

[Restaurant Guidance \(DRAFT\)](#)

[Mariposa Adult Detention Facility Pandemic Response Plan](#)

[Farmers Market Guidance](#)

[Mariposa Brewery and Tasting Room Guidance](#)



- Availability of supplies (disinfectant, essential protective gear) to protect essential workers. Please describe how this availability is assessed.

Mariposa County has supplied all county employees with cloth masks, and has additional PPE available for employees that have direct contact with clients and the public. Additionally, HHSA has developed cleaning protocols and PPE guidance that have been

implemented across all county departments. HHSA has secured the necessary masks, gloves, and gowns for County employees, so that they can comply with the PPE standards for their specific roles. The County MHOAC has developed an inventory of PPE available for use by County employees and partners, as well as assessed all suppliers and sources for ordering. Our assessment indicates we have sufficient PPE on hand and available for day to day needs, as well as in the event of an outbreak or surge.

The Chamber of Commerce is provided with 200 cloth masks per week made by a volunteer organization for distribution to the public. Many community volunteers and organizations are making cloth masks for essential workers, as needed. Additionally, the Chamber of Commerce is working alongside our County Public Works Department to ensure that if there is a shortage of cleaning supplies, we can do bulk orders to ensure private businesses are able to access what they need.

We have assessed the PPE and cleaning products on hand for our Skilled Nursing Facility, our childcare centers/homes, the Mariposa County Jail, our STRTP, our homeless shelter, our CalFire partners, our State Agency partners (DMV), and all County Departments and feel assured they have the necessary supplies to meet the demands.

Our Health Officer's Order, which became effective on 3/19/20 and was updated on 4/29/20, requires employers to screen for Febrile Respiratory Illness. A screening [checklist](#) was created, and an accompanying online screening tool through ArcGIS, for all County employees and businesses. County employees who screen positive for FRI symptoms are followed up with by management.

Testing capacity. A determination must be made by the county that there is testing capacity to detect active infection that meets the state's most current testing criteria (available on CDPH website). The county must attest to:

- Minimum daily testing volume to test 1.5 per 1,000 residents, which can be met through a combination of testing of symptomatic individuals and targeted surveillance. Please provide the plan and the county's average daily testing volume for the past week. If the county does not believe a testing volume of 1.5 per 1,000 residents is merited, please provide justification for this.

Mariposa County has three testing site locations: John C. Fremont Hospital, OptumServe, and Yosemite Medical Clinic. In the past seven days, we have tested an average of 58 individuals per day. JCF Hospital has the ability to test 10 individuals per day, the OptumServe testing site has the ability to test 132 individuals per day, and the Yosemite Medical Clinic has the ability to test up to 30 individuals, however, are currently only

testing symptomatic individuals. OptumServe will be conducting specimen collection at the Mariposa Alternate Education site in Mariposa, located in the most highly concentrated population center in the County. We are exploring the possibility of OptumServe providing these services one week per month in Yosemite National Park, for Park and Concessionaire employees and visitors. With a total population of just over 18,000 residents in the county, and our current total testing capacity at 172 tests daily, our testing capabilities exceed the required testing volume of 1.5 per 1,000 residents (or a minimum of 27 tests per day).

- Testing availability for at least 75% of residents, as measured by a specimen collection site (including established health care providers) within 30 minutes driving time in urban areas, and 60 minutes in rural areas. Please provide a listing of all specimen collection sites in the county, whether there are any geographic areas that do not meet the criteria, and plans for filling these gaps. If the county depends on sites in adjacent counties, please list these sites as well.

Mariposa County is served by three testing locations within the County boundaries, and six locations in neighboring counties. There are zero residents within the County that are located outside of the 60 minute requirement for rural residents or 30 minutes for urban residents. Please see locations of testing sites and GIS map below.

Testing sites within the County:

John C Fremont Hospital
5189 Hospital Rd.
Mariposa, CA 95338

Mariposa Alternative Education Site - OptumServe
5171 Silva Rd.
Mariposa, CA 95338

Yosemite Medical Clinic
9000 Ahwahnee Dr.
Yosemite Valley, CA 95389

Testing site locations in adjacent counties:

Adventist Health Sonora
1000 Greenley Rd.
Sonora, CA 95370

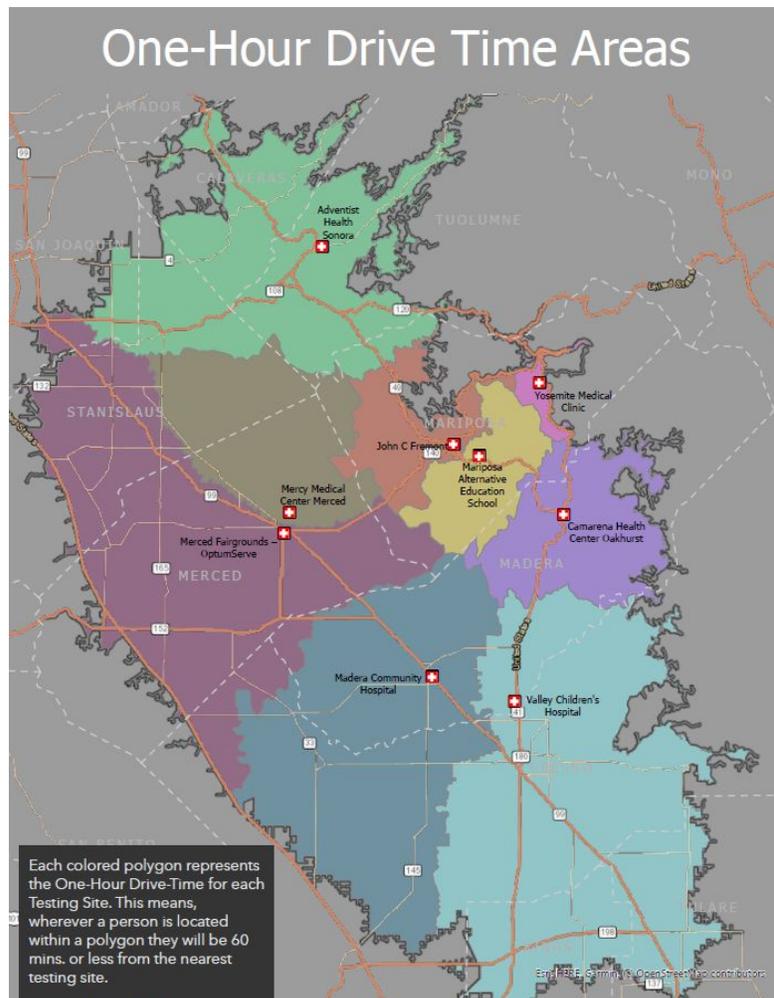
Mercy Medical Center Merced
333 Mercy Ave.
Merced, CA 95340

Merced Fairgrounds - OptumServe
 900 Martin Luther King Jr Way
 Merced, CA 95341

Camarena Health Center Oakhurst
 49169 Road 426
 Oakhurst, CA 93644

Madera Community Hospital
 1250 E Almond Ave
 Madera, CA 93637

Valley Children's Hospital
 9300 Valley Children's Pl
 Fresno, CA 93720



Containment capacity. A determination must be made by the county that it has adequate infrastructure, processes, and workforce to reliably detect and safely isolate new cases, as well as follow up with individuals who have been in contact with positive cases. The county must attest to:

- Sufficient contact tracing. For counties that have no cases, there should be at least 15 staff per 100,000 county population trained and available for contact tracing; for counties with small populations, there must be at least one staff person trained and available. Please describe the county's contact tracing plan, including workforce capacity, and why it is sufficient to meet anticipated surge.

Mariposa County currently has a [Contact Tracing Unit of 16 individuals](#) including a Sheriff's Sergeant (who is lead for the team), Sheriff's Detectives, Sheriff's Deputies, Probation Officers, a District Attorney Investigator, and Public Health Staff. Our Public Health nurses and staff serve as subject matter experts and provide the training and tools necessary to the contact tracing team. We have developed a training for contact tracers locally, but will adopt CDPH curriculum as it becomes available. We also have the capacity to rapidly train and deploy more staff from various County Departments as contact tracers, as needed. Each of these individuals can contact, at minimum, 5 contacts per day, resulting in 560 contacts in one week. This team was tested and the plan validated through our only identified cluster in the county. A team of three detectives was able to identify 70% of contacts in the first day of operations and completed contact tracing, including coordination with an adjacent county, in the second day of operations. This is sufficient to meet anticipated surge.

Although under exclusive Federal jurisdiction, Yosemite National Park will maintain a contact tracing team built around their public health lead and three Special Agent investigators. As needed, they will coordinate with the Mariposa County Contact Tracing Unit.

- Availability of temporary housing units to shelter at least 15% of county residents experiencing homelessness in case of an outbreak among this population requiring isolation and quarantine of affected individuals. Please describe the county's plans to support individuals, including those experiencing homelessness, who are not able to properly isolate in a home setting by providing them with temporary housing (including access to a private bathroom), for the duration of the necessary isolation or quarantine period.

Mariposa launched [Project Roomkey](#) on April 11th and currently has the overall capacity to serve 44 individuals in hotel rooms in the community. We currently have 13 units occupied by vulnerable homeless individuals who need to be sequestered due to age or underlying medical vulnerabilities. The most current full point-in-time count in January of 2019 indicated that we currently have 58 individuals experiencing homelessness in Mariposa County, as per HUD definitions. These hotel rooms are specifically indicated for this population should they require isolation and/or quarantine during an outbreak. Each of the 44 rooms has its own private restroom.

Mariposa County HHSA is providing wraparound services to these individuals, including daily food and supply delivery, case management and housing navigation services, health care management and screenings, laundry and cleaning services, PPE as needed, transportation to medical appointments, and security.

We have worked closely with our homeless shelter, Connections, to provide technical assistance on social distancing, to conduct health screenings, and to provide the necessary cleaning supplies and PPE to meet the demands. We have established protocols with the shelter to quickly move symptomatic individuals who are in need into Project RoomKey to prevent transmission amongst the homeless community.

We have two encampments in Mariposa County that we routinely check in with to determine if there are needs for individuals to seek testing, medical care or isolation/quarantine/sequestration through Project RoomKey.

Hospital capacity. A determination must be made by the county that hospital capacity, including ICU beds and ventilators, and adequate PPE is available to handle standard health care capacity, current COVID-19 cases, as well as a potential surge due to COVID-19. If the county does not have a hospital within its jurisdiction, the county will need to address how regional hospital and health care systems may be impacted by this request and demonstrate that adequate hospital capacity exists in those systems. The county must attest to:

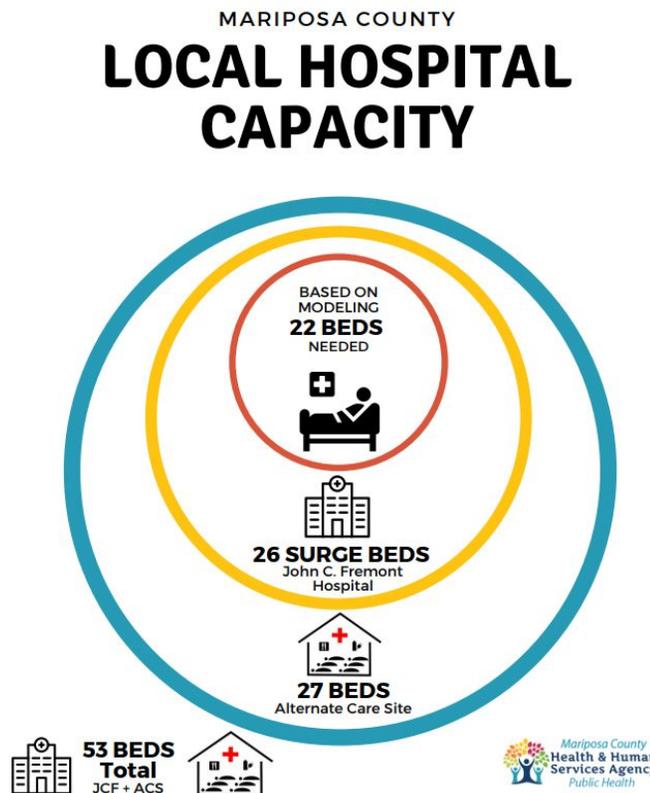
- County (or regional) hospital capacity to accommodate a minimum surge of 35% due to COVID-19 cases in addition to providing usual care for non-COVID-19 patients. Please describe how this surge would be accomplished, including surge census by hospital, addressing both physical and workforce capacity.

Mariposa County HHSA, in coordination with John C. Fremont (JCF) Healthcare District and Mountain Valley Emergency Medical Services, has developed a plan for Medical Surge. This plan can accommodate a minimum of 35% surge due to COVID-19 cases.

The plan outlines both the existing bed capacity within JCF’s Critical Access Hospital, as well as the ability to add beds and establish an alternate care site. The plan both addressed the physical bed capacity, as well as the workforce and medical supply needs.

JCF is licensed for a total of 30 beds. Nine of these are dedicated for acute patients, but JCF is able to surge to 26 patients without moving into transitional or SNF beds. This addresses staffing and infrastructure. They have access to 9 ventilators available for use, but trained staff to manage five ventilator patients. Mariposa County and our partners have planned for an Alternate Care Site with an additional 27 beds, if needed, for surge. An overview of our ACS Plan has been attached (ACS Plan Overview) and the full plan can be made available upon request.

See attached: [Local Hospital Capacity](#), [ACS Plan](#)



- o County (or regional) hospital facilities have a robust plan to protect the hospital workforce, both clinical and nonclinical, with PPE. Please describe the process by which this is assessed.

JCFHCD has a robust plan to protect it’s hospital workforce. An inventory of PPE was

completed and additional supplies were ordered in April to ensure there was an adequate supply on hand for the entire Healthcare District, including the District's Skilled Nursing Facility, located on the Hospital campus.

JCFHCD currently has: 8500 surgical masks; 950 N-95 respirators; 100,000 pairs of gloves; 2400 isolation gowns; 1900 COVID gowns; and 1500 face shields. JCFHCD still receives regular deliveries of PPE from their supplier and anticipates they will continue to receive these deliveries, as scheduled.

There is no need to access State resources for Mariposa County healthcare facilities at this time.

Vulnerable populations. A determination must be made by the county that the proposed variance maintains protections for vulnerable populations, particularly those in long-term care settings. The county must attest to:

- o Skilled nursing facilities (SNF) have >14 day supply of PPE on hand for staff, with established process for ongoing procurement from non-state supply chains. Please list the names and contacts of all SNFs in the county along with a description of the system the county has to track PPE availability across SNFs.

Mariposa County has one Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), operated by JCFHCD on the Hospital campus. It is called the Ewing Wing. As outlined above, JCFHCD has access from their non-state supply chain to 8500 surgical masks; 950 N-95 respirators; 100,000 pairs of gloves; 2400 isolation gowns; 1900 COVID gowns; and 1500 face shields. The contact for the SNF is Nanette Wardell nanette.wardle@jcf-hospital.com or (209) 966-3631. PPE is supplied through recurring weekly deliveries through non-state suppliers. Since there is only one SNF in the county, they manage all inventory and report their PPE inventory information to the state.

In addition to PPE, the SNF has developed very robust protocols for ensuring the health and safety of its residents. An overview of the measures our SNF has put in place has been attached ([Congregate Living Plans](#)).

Sectors and timelines. Please provide details on the county's plan to move through Stage 2. This should include which sectors and spaces will be opened, in what sequence, on what timeline. Please specifically indicate where the plan differs from the state's order. Please note that this variance should not include sectors that are part of Stage 3.



On May 8, as the State moves into Stage 2, in accordance with State guidelines issued on May 7th, Mariposa County will allow retail businesses to open with curbside services only. Our plan for reopening does not deviate from the state's order.

On May 12, the Mariposa County Public Health Officer will present this Attestation and a Letter of Support from the Healthcare District at a Board of Supervisors Meeting, and seek a Letter of Support from the Board of Supervisors to move forward with the Variance Plan. In this meeting, there will be time for public comment and input from the Board members. Additionally, there will be a summary from our Joint Information Center about public input that has been received to date regarding plans to reopen. If the Board of Supervisors votes to support the Attestation, then Mariposa County will allow for the remaining Stage 2 businesses to open with appropriate social distancing measures in place. For Mariposa County, this will primarily include: offices that cannot otherwise telework, retail businesses that can meet the social distancing guidelines and restaurants, as per the guidelines expected to be released on May 12th. Mariposa County does not have outdoor museums or shopping malls.

Between May 12th afternoon and May 14th, we have set up a series of Zoom meetings, by business sector, to provide information and technical assistance to businesses. We have also established a weekly collaborators meeting with our County Business Support Team (from HHSA Public and Environmental Health), the County Public Information Officer, and the Economic Development Agency, Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau to determine how to best support businesses as they adjust to this new normal. This Team is also assisting businesses to look at ongoing strategies for the future to continue to promote economic growth through online services, delivery, curbside pick up, technological strategies for limiting lines and wait times, etc.

A County Department Head meeting was held on May 8th to discuss this plan, offer technical assistance, and provide a strategy for a measured and phased in approaches to re-opening. The focus is to allow vulnerable employees to continue to work remotely and bring back only essential employees in phases to prevent disease transmission whenever possible. We will continue teleworking through Stage 2 for all functions that can continue to be accomplished remotely and are assessing what telework strategies will remain in place in an ongoing way even when we enter Stage 3 as a State.

As per our current [Health Officer's Orders](#), Febrile Respiratory Illness screenings will be required for all employers in Mariposa County and regular COVID-19 testing will be encouraged for employees who have regular contact with the public.

Yosemite National Park is a major attraction for our Community. As outlined in this document and in our Roadmap, we have been working in conjunction with Park officials and other gateway counties to ensure we have all health and safety measures in place before they open their gates. It is estimated that YNP will open when the State moves into Stage 3, lifting the ban on non-essential travel. For this reason, we are already beginning our work to support the hospitality industry to prepare for reopening the lodging industry so they have all the protective measures in place at that point.

See attached: [Area Coordination Team Timeline](#)

Triggers for adjusting modifications. Please share the county metrics that would serve as triggers for either slowing the pace through Stage 2 or tightening modifications, including the frequency of measurement and the specific actions triggered by metric changes. Please include your plan for how the county will inform the state of emerging concerns and how it will implement early containment measures.

Based on the existing criteria presented for moving into Stage 2, Mariposa will use the reverse to determine when/if to implement more stringent mitigation measures. The following indications will be used as a trigger for adjusting modifications:

Indications to Increase Mitigation Measures

Monitoring criteria for implementing more stringent mitigation actions, or dropping back to an earlier stage, are based on the above gating criteria. These criteria will be monitored on a daily basis by the local health department and YGACT. Any two of these criteria being met, regardless of the capability area, will trigger a health officer and YGACT IC review of available data to determine appropriate next steps.:

- 1) Syndromic surveillance¹ (Capability Area-1)
 - Upward trajectory of Febrile Respiratory Illness (FRI) reported by healthcare within a 7-day period regardless of reporting
 - Upward trajectory of Febrile Respiratory Illness (FRI) reported by employers sites within a 7-day period with stable or improving reporting
 - Upward trajectory in Difficulty Breathing ('DB') calls responded to by EMS within a 7-day period
- 2) Case surveillance (Capability Area-1)
 - Upward trajectory of documented cases within a 7-day period
 - More than 10% of tests positive within a 7-day period

¹ This requirement can be eliminated if there is no consistent source of syndromic data in the region.

- Upward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 7-day period
- More than 1 case per 10,000 population within a 7-day period
- More than one COVID-19 death within a 7-day period
- 3) Testing capability (Capability Area-1)
 - <60% of probable COVID-19 cases and PUI receive testing within 48 hours of symptom onset within a 7 day period
 - <50% of healthcare workers with patient care responsibilities are screened for COVID-19 at least once within 14 day period
 - Fewer than 1 test conducted daily per 1,000 population within a 7 day period
- 4) Contact tracing capability (Capability Area-1)
 - <70% of probable and confirmed cases are interviewed within 24 hours of receiving report within 7 day period
 - <70% of contacts are notified within 24 hours of case interview within 7 day period
 - Less than 10 staff per 100,000 population trained in contact tracing are available to conduct contact tracing activities (due to illness or conflicting responsibilities)
- 5) Support for at risk individuals (Capacity Area-2)
 - >90% of available temporary housing units for county residents experiencing homelessness are occupied within a 7-day period
 - More than one skilled nursing facility has an ongoing COVID outbreak
- 6) Hospital capability (Capability Area-3)
 - One or more hospitals used crisis care protocols to treat patients on at least two days within a 7 day period
 - Regional ICU beds at >80% capacity within a 7-day period
 - One or more hospitals is consuming PPE faster than they are able to replace it using established supply channels
- 7) Support for businesses and the community (Capability Area-5)
 - More than two essential workplaces have ongoing COVID outbreaks.

Your plan for moving through Stage 2. Please provide details on your plan for the county to move through opening sectors and spaces that are part of the State’s plan for Stage 2. A reminder, that this variance only covers those areas that are part of Stage 2, up to, but not including Stage 3. For additional details on sectors and spaces included in Stage 2, please see <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/>

As noted above, [Mariposa County will follow the State’s plan for Stage 2](#) to allow for opening curbside pick up for retailers on May 8th.

On May 12th, pending Board support, the County will allow for moving to variances within Stage 2, which will include all sectors in the State’s Plan. For Mariposa County, this will most impact the low risk retail sector, offices, and dine-in restaurants. Each of these sectors will need to demonstrate that they can meet the guidelines. Technical assistance will be provided by the County and our private partners to ensure guidelines are both well

understood and can be adhered to. Businesses will be required to post a checklist for the public to see what they are doing to adhere to the state's guidelines.

During this variance to Stage 2, FRI Screenings will be required and testing will be encouraged for increased surveillance. Our Public Health Officer and epidemiology team will be looking at data daily to determine what the impacts of opening these sectors are. The indicators, warnings and triggers outlined in this document will be assessed to determine if there are concerns with any particular sector. Our Business Support Team will be out and about checking to see if businesses are adhering to guidelines and providing technical assistance and support as needed.

When we have a case emerge during this period, an investigation will be conducted to determine what steps could have been taken to prevent that case or further transmission. This will be done in consultation with the State. Should the Health Officer need to amend the Variances or enact restrictions within Stage 2 for community safety, he will do so. We will work alongside our Sheriff's Office to enforce these guidelines, if necessary.

COVID-19 Containment Plan

While not mandatory, CDPH strongly recommends that counties requesting a variance to increase the pace through Stage 2 create a county COVID-19 containment plan as noted above. While not exhaustive, the following areas and questions are important to address in any containment plan.

Testing

- Is there a plan to increase testing to the recommended daily capacity of 2 per 1000 residents?
- Is the average percentage of positive tests over the past 7 days <7% and stable or declining?
- Have specimen collection locations been identified that ensure access for all residents?
- Have contracts/relationships been established with specimen processing labs?
- Is there a plan for community surveillance?

Mariposa County now has an OptumServe testing site which has the capacity to collect 132 tests per day. With a population of just above 18,000, these 132 tests/day satisfy the recommended capacity. The average percentage of positive tests in the past 7 days has been less than 1% and is declining. Specimen collection locations have been identified for all residents to reach in less than 60 minutes. Mariposa County has relationships with 13 processing labs. Mariposa County has started the processes to implement fecal testing in order to determine virus levels in human waste at multiple collection sites throughout the county. There is also an Self-screening FRI tool, and accompanying online application, that is being used by the County and will be available to employers for monitoring the welfare of their employees who resume work functions as restrictions are lifted.

See attached: [One Hour Drive Time Map](#), [COVID-19 Employee Screening Form](#), and [OptumServe Testing Site Operation and Logistics](#)

Contact Tracing

- How many staff are currently trained and available to do contact tracing?
- Are these staff reflective of community racial, ethnic and linguistic diversity?
- Is there a plan to expand contact tracing staff to the recommended levels to accommodate a three-fold increase in COVID-19 cases, presuming that each case has ten close contacts?
- Is there a plan for supportive isolation for low income individuals who may not have a safe way

to isolate or who may have significant economic challenges as a result of isolation?

Mariposa County currently has [16 individuals](#) that have been trained for contact tracing in addition to two Public Health Nurses that lead the communicable disease team. With current staffing, the contact tracing unit could identify eighty contacts per day as a conservative estimate. These individuals represent a cross-section of the diversity of our population. There are plans in place for training additional identified staff for expanded contract tracing as needed.

If isolation of low income individuals is necessary due to a positive test result, there are support plans in place for providing food and resources, as needed. In addition, the County has leased a hotel that can provide housing to those may be otherwise unable to isolate or quarantine themselves.

See attached: [Contact Tracing Organizational Chart](#), [Policy for Mariposa Project Roomkey](#), and [COVID-19 Food Resources](#)

Protecting the Vulnerable

- How many congregate care facilities, of what types, are in the county?
- How many correctional facilities, of what size, are in the county?
- How many homelessness shelters are in the county and what is their capacity?
- What is the COVID-19 case rate at each of these facilities?
- Do facilities have the ability to safely isolate COVID-19 positive individuals?
- Do facilities have the ability to safety quarantine individuals who have been exposed?
- Is there sufficient testing capacity to conduct a thorough outbreak investigation at each of these facilities?
- Do long-term care facilities have sufficient PPE for staff, and do these facilities have access to suppliers for ongoing PPE needs?
- Do these facilities (particularly skilled nursing facilities) have access to staffing agencies if and when staff shortages related to COVID-19 occur?

In Mariposa County there are three congregate care facilities: one Assisted Living Facility (ALF) (16 beds), one Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) (26 beds), and one Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) for youth (6 beds). Additionally, there is one

adult detention facility that can house up to 58 inmates (average census 30) and one homeless shelter, Connections, which has the capacity of safely housing 21 individuals with social distancing guidelines in place. In total, there are approximately 100 individuals residing in congregate living sites in Mariposa County.

Currently there is a 0% case rate at the above mentioned facilities. These facilities are able to safely isolate and/or quarantine infected individuals and there is sufficient testing capacity to conduct a thorough outbreak investigation. The SNF has access to 8500 surgical masks, 950 N-95 respirators, 100,000 pairs of gloves, 2400 isolation gowns, 1900 COVID gowns, and 1500 face shields. The ALF, STRTP, corrections facility and homeless shelter also have enough PPE to cover 14 days in the event of an outbreak. These facilities have developed plans to keep their clients and staff safe and healthy (Congregate Living Plans). These facilities have additional staffing resources available should an employee shortage occur. In the event that the facilities have an outbreak or run short on PPE, the County HHSA will provide both PPE resources from our cache, as well as staffing to support operations.

See attached: [Congregate Living Plans](#), [Local Hospital Capacity](#), and [Mariposa County Adult Detention Facility Jail Pandemic Response Plan](#)

Acute Care Surge

- Is there daily tracking of hospital capacity including COVID-19 cases, hospital census, ICU census, ventilator availability, staffing and surge capacity?
- Are hospitals relying on county MHOAC for PPE, or are supply chains sufficient?
- Are hospitals testing all patients prior to admission to the hospital?
- Do hospitals have a plan for tracking and addressing occupational exposure?

Currently, daily tracking of hospital resources includes patients with COVID-19, available beds for ICU and non-ICU, equipment availability, staffing availability, and surge capacity at both the hospital site and Alternate Care Site. Our hospital is relying on their own PPE supply chains, including regularly scheduled deliveries from non-state suppliers. The hospital has 8500 surgical masks, 950 N-95 respirators, 100,00 pairs of gloves, 2400 isolation gowns, 1900 COVID gowns, and 1500 face shields. The hospital is conducting FRI screenings on all patients prior to and during their admission. Additionally, they are COVID testing patients with FRI symptoms or who have had contact with someone who has symptoms. The hospital is currently tracking and addressing all occupational

exposure within their environment.

See attached: [Local Hospital Capacity](#)

Essential Workers

- How many essential workplaces are in the county?
- What guidance have you provided to your essential workplaces to ensure employees and customers are safe in accordance with state/county guidance for modifications?
- Do essential workplaces have access to key supplies like hand sanitizer, disinfectant and cleaning supplies, as well as relevant protective equipment?
- Is there a testing plan for essential workers who are sick or symptomatic? Is there a plan for supportive quarantine/isolation for essential workers?

Mariposa County currently has approximately 1000 essential employees at work. We have distributed business specific guidance for employers within the county for modified operating conditions during the re-opening process. Through various feedback and meetings with our employers in the county, they have the necessary cleaning supplies and PPE. For those that voiced concerns that they were unable to source the cleaning products needed, we have established a process for them to request and order them through our County Public Works Department. In the upcoming days, we will be hosting a series of Zoom Meetings by sector to further assess needs for PPE or cleaning products based on the newly distributed State guidance. Employees will be required by a HOO for performing a self screening for FRI through a phone app before they report for work each day. Employees who are symptomatic and sick will be encouraged to be tested for COVID-19 at a local testing facility and will be asked to remain in quarantine/isolation until results are available. Employees that have tested positive will need to remain in isolation until they are recovered.

Special Considerations

- Are there industries in the county that deserve special consideration in terms of mitigating the risk of COVID-19 transmission, e.g. agriculture or manufacturing?
- Are there industries in the county that make it more feasible for the county to increase the pace through stage 2, e.g. technology companies or other companies that have a high percentage of workers who can telework?

Mariposa County has been adaptable in creating processes/protocols and purchasing equipment that allows essential employees to telework during this pandemic. State and federal guidance and relaxation of requirements has enabled this to be possible in the healthcare sectors, the social services and behavioral health sectors, the criminal justice/courts sectors, and some essential government services. There are still a number of essential businesses that have required essential employees to be on-site (Sheriff's Deputies on patrol, Public Works crews, essential repair and contractors industries, childcare homes, grocery stores, etc.). For those required to be on-site; FRI screenings have been required; routine testing has been encouraged since capacity has increased; PPE has been supplied and guidance has been provided; environmental mitigation strategies (barriers/glass/etc.) have been put in place; and cleaning protocols have been created and enhanced cleaning has been implemented. Although we don't have an accurate count, it is estimated that approximately 1000 individuals in Mariposa County have been relied upon to provide in person essential services since the statewide Stay at Home order took effect.

Although not applicable in Stage 2, Mariposa County is in close proximity to Yosemite National Park and relies heavily upon visitors to support the local economy. For this reason, we are working closely with our local businesses that cater to tourists to ensure that strategies are in place to mitigate the impact of individuals traveling from more highly affected communities to the extent possible. Strategies will allow for an enjoyable visitor experience while still implementing non-pharmaceutical interventions. Those being discussed include: FRI Screenings for tourists in the downtown area, encouraging tourists to get tested upon arrival to the County, more online/delivery or dispersed shopping for souvenirs, and more reservations or scheduled times for dining in or delivery of food to lodging/AirBnB's, for tourists.

Community Engagement

- Has the county engaged with its cities?
- Which key county stakeholders should be a part of formulating and implementing the proposed variance plan?
- Have virtual community forums been held to solicit input into the variance plan?
- Is community engagement reflective of the racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity of the community?

Mariposa does not have any incorporated cities. We have been in close contact with the

various communities, business sectors and stakeholders within the county. Stakeholders include representatives from different organizations within the county such as Board of Supervisor members and their constituents, County Administration, Health Officials, Law Enforcement partners, Chamber of Commerce/Tourism Bureau, School District leadership, Services Clubs, Faith Leaders, and the community at large. We continue to disseminate information through virtual community forums, including community Zoom meetings and Facebook Live events with our Public Health Officials. Input is also taken from community members at the County Board of Supervisors meetings. We solicited community input specifically for this Attestation as well. The members mentioned in the groups above represent a cross section of the diversity of our county.

Relationship to Surrounding Counties

- Are surrounding counties experiencing increasing, decreasing or stable case rates?
- Are surrounding counties also planning to increase the pace through Stage 2 of California's roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order, and if so, on what timeline? How are you coordinating with these counties?
- How will increased regional and state travel impact the county's ability to test, isolate, and contact trace?

Mariposa County is part of the Yosemite Gateway Area Coordination Team which includes partnership with Mariposa, Madera, Tuolumne and Yosemite National Park. More recently, Mono County has joined discussions as they represent the eastern entrance to Yosemite. We continue to coordinate with these counties through regular planning meetings of our Department Operations Centers, Advanced Planning Meetings, and the Multi-Agency Coordination Group consisting of our elected and appointed officials (Board Chairs, Sheriffs, County Administrative Officers, County Counsels) and public health officials in each of these counties and the Park.

Our neighbors are also planning to increase their pace to re-open and modify current orders, although each county has slightly different industries/sectors and factors to take into account. Case rates within all of these counties remain stable. As travel increases due to the lifting of Stay-at-Home orders, all our counties and the Park will see an influx of travel from other regions and will be prepared to coordinate testing, isolation, and tracing with other jurisdictions as needed.

See attached: [ACT Roadmap](#)



In addition to your county's COVID-19 VARIANCE ATTESTATION FORM, please include:

- Letter of support from the County Board of Supervisors
- [Letter of support from the local hospitals or health care systems](#). In the event that the county does not have a hospital or health care system within its jurisdiction, a letter of support from the relevant regional health system(s) is also acceptable.
- [County Plan for moving through Stage 2](#)

All documents should be emailed to Jake Hanson at Jake.Hanson@cdph.ca.gov

I, Eric Sergienko, hereby attest that I am duly authorized to sign and act on behalf of Mariposa County. I certify that has met the readiness criteria outlined by CDPH designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and that the information provided is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. If a local COVID-19 Containment Plan is submitted for Mariposa County, I certify that it was developed with input from the County Board of Supervisors/City Council, hospitals, health systems, and a broad range of stakeholders in the jurisdiction. I acknowledge that I remain responsible for implementing the local COVID-19 Containment Plan and that CDPH, by providing technical guidance, is in no way assuming liability for its contents.

I understand and consent that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) will post this information on the CDPH website and is public record.

Printed Name: Eric Sergienko

Signature:

Position/Title: Mariposa County Health Officer

Date: 05/11/2020