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ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

August 28, 2020

This Order imposes new requirements on lodging facilities within Mariposa County, supersedes and replaces the June 11, 2020 Health Officer Order regulating lodging within the County, and emphasizes existing State requirements, for the protection of visitors and residents (including the hospitality workforce).

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency was issued by the Governor of the State of California on March 18, 2020, and local emergencies have been declared in Mariposa County in response to the virus COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health discourages non-essential travel as a means to slow the spread of COVID-19, and California's Executive Order N33-20 remains in effect, limiting activities throughout the State including travel for nonessential purposes; and

WHEREAS, there is limited critical healthcare infrastructure, including hospital beds, ventilators and workers, within the County of Mariposa capable of adequately treating mass numbers of patients at a single time – should the virus spread unchecked; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, limitations on lodging occupancy within the County of Mariposa, reinforcement of State-mandated cleaning standards for lodging facilities and the imposition of a visitor notification requirement are deemed necessary to protect travelers to and residents of Mariposa County from infection and to preserve the region's limited healthcare capacity.

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority of California Health and Safety Code sections 101040, 101085 and 120175 and Title 17 California Code of Regulations, Section 2501, the Mariposa County Health Officer **HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING ORDERS**, which shall be applicable within the County of Mariposa:

1. Short-term lodging facilities (including short-term rentals, vacation rentals, Air BnBs, timeshares, or similar units) shall comply with the following:
 - a. Rooms shall be vacated from a minimum of 24 hours from the time the guest(s) leaves until the time that housekeeping/cleaning commences. This requirement is already in existence for all lodgings within Mariposa County.
 - b. Businesses, renters, and property owners in the short-term lodging sector shall adhere to the guidance provided in the state guidance entitled “COVID-19 INDUSTRY GUIDANCE: Hotels, Lodging, and Short Term Rentals” and available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hotels-lodging-rentals--en.pdf>.
 - c. Cleaning staff shall be provided with the following personal protective equipment (PPE) and shall wear such PPE while cleaning:
 - i. Surgical Mask
 - ii. Eye protection
 - iii. Gloves
2. Hotels and Condo/Hotels shall comply with the following:
 - a. Occupancy levels shall be limited to 70% of capacity over a 7-day period extending from Monday through Sunday of each week. This requirement shall apply to all occupancies beginning August 24, 2020, regardless of when reservations were made.
 - b. Businesses, renters, and property owners in the this sector shall adhere to the guidance provided in the state guidance entitled “COVID-19 INDUSTRY GUIDANCE: Hotels, Lodging, and Short Term Rentals” and available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hotels-lodging-rentals--en.pdf>.
 - c. Cleaning staff shall be provided with the following personal protective equipment (PPE) and shall wear such PPE while cleaning:
 - i. Surgical Mask
 - ii. Eye protection
 - iii. Gloves
 - d. A three-hour period is required from when a room is vacated until housekeeping can commence to allow for any airborne particles to settle. It is recommended, but not required, that rooms/units be left vacant for a 24-hour period between each occupancy.
3. “COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Hotels, Lodging and Short-Term Rentals” released by the State of California on June 5, and updated on July 29, 2020, (“State Guidance”) remains in effect and is applicable statewide. Where the State Guidance uses permissive language (such as “should” or “consider”), such references shall be considered requirements and are hereby made mandatory within the County of Mariposa, except that State Guidance recommending that portable high-efficiency air cleaners be installed, air filters be upgraded and other modifications be made to increase ventilation shall remain recommendations and are not made mandatory by this Order. In the case of conflict, the stricter of the State Guidance or the Local Guidance shall prevail.

4. Hotel, lodging, and short-term rental operations with swimming pools and splash pads should take additional steps to ensure compliance with the section entitled “Additional Consideration for Swimming Pools and Aquatic Venues” within the “COVID-19 INDUSTRY GUIDANCE: Hotels, Lodging, and Short Term Rentals” and available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hotels-lodging-rentals--en.pdf>.
5. Hot tubs, saunas, jacuzzis, steam rooms, or similar facilities are to remain closed.
6. Indoor fitness centers are to remain closed.
7. All reservations and stays shall include only members of a single household/living unit.
8. Advertising or posting of hotel, condo/hotel or other short-term rental units for rent within the County of Mariposa on any platform shall include the following language: “Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-33-20, and associated guidance of the California Public Health Officer, continue to apply statewide. These advise Californians to avoid travelling long distances for vacations or pleasure as much as possible. This is to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Do not travel if you are sick, or if someone in your household has had coronavirus in the last two weeks. Do not travel with someone who is sick.”
9. The restrictions imposed by this Order will be reviewed as needed and shall remain in effect until April 30, 2021 unless modified, repealed or extended.

General Provisions


1. This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 disease, also known as “novel coronavirus”.
2. This Order is issued based on evidence of transmission of COVID-19, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.
3. This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, by referencing restrictions issued by the State of California and providing additional clarifications within the County of Mariposa, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide. As the presence of individuals increases, the difficulty and magnitude of tracing individuals who may have been exposed to a case rises exponentially.
4. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the following: the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 13, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency based on an imminent and

proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in Mariposa County; the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa proclaiming the existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Mariposa regarding COVID-19 and ratifying and extending the Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to COVID-19; the guidance issued on March 11, 2020 by the California Department of Public Health regarding large gatherings of 250 people or more; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 of March 12, 2020 preparing the State to commandeer hotels and other places of temporary residence, medical facilities, and other facilities that are suitable as places of temporary residence or medical facilities as necessary for quarantining, isolating or treating individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had a high-risk exposure and are thought to be in the incubation period; the guidance issued on March 15, 2020 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials through the United States and around the world recommending the cancellation of gatherings involving more than fifty (50) persons in a single space at the same time; the March 17, 2020 order of the Public Health Officer prohibiting all gatherings with expected presence above fifty (50) individuals; and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N33-20 of March 19, 2020 ordering all persons to stay at home to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

5. This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101030, et seq.; Health and Safety Code sections 120100, et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.
6. To the extent necessary, pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order.
7. This Order is made because of the propensity of the virus to spread person-to-person and also because the virus is causing personal property loss or damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.
8. Copies of this Order shall promptly be posted on the County of Mariposa's website and provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.



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Health Officer



Date