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UPDATED STAY-AT-HOME ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF AMADOR

DATE OF UPDATED ORDER: APRIL 30, 2020

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 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF AMADOR (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

1. This Updated Order incorporates the attached April 3, 2020 Stay at Home Order of the Health Officer directing all individuals to Stay at Home except for essential activities (“Attached Stay at Home Order”), with clarifications as set forth herein. This Updated Order extends the Attached Stay at Home Order and shall become effective immediately and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
2. The presence of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) infection in California resulted in a total of 46,400 cases and 1,868 deaths (as of 4/29/20). The number of cases and deaths in the State and region continue to increase, but at a markedly lower rate.
3. The economy and social well-being of much of the population of Amador County has been severely affected. It is therefore important to consider whether it is appropriate to provide a more expansive approach to allow more activities and businesses that can readily incorporate social distancing. The Attached Stay at Home Order addresses most activities and businesses in general terms and thereby allows some flexibility with interpretation. For more information regarding specific activities and businesses, please review the Frequently Asked Questions and other information located on the Public Health website: <https://www.amadorgov.org/services/public-health/covid-19/stay-at-home-order-frequently-asked-questions>.
4. The purpose of this Updated Order is to clarify that the Attached Stay-at-Home Order can be interpreted broadly and within reason, thereby allowing relaxed restrictions on social mobility and business activity in the County, consistent with the following principles in mind:
 - a. The County must continue to comply with State-issued mandates; relaxed restrictions cannot be implemented until allowed by the State-issued mandates or such time as the State allows for increased local control.

- b. The County will seek to align with regional approaches to Shelter-in-Place whenever possible and appropriate.
- c. It is highly recommended vulnerable populations (age 65 and over, people with underlying medical conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 complications) should continue to stay-at-home, and maintain strict social distancing;
- d. All people will maintain social distancing when outside of the home, and preferably use cloth facial coverings;
- e. People are discouraged from traveling long distances from their home for recreation or other essential activities. This recommendation applies to people coming from out of the area to visit, pursue real estate deals, and other activities due to the increased risk of viral transmission from out-of-county travel;
- f. People who choose to go out and participate in activities enabled by relaxation of restrictions are aware they do so at their own risk, recognizing they may be exposing themselves, their family, friends and the community to increased risk of COVID-19 infection;
- g. Initial activities that will be allowed are because of the ability for people to engage in them while maintaining adequate social distancing and avoiding group congregation. These distancing efforts clearly decrease the risk of spread of the virus should one of the participants be infected, thus limiting rapid spread of COVID-19 in our vulnerable community;
- h. Public Health will continue to monitor cases of COVID-19 infection, hospitalizations, and death; should a significant rise in cases occur, loosening of restrictions will be reversed.

The Health Officer may revise this Order as the situation evolves.

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5. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Government Center at 810 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642, (2) posted on the County website (www.amadorgov.org), and such other websites as the County may determine; (3) distributed to the electronic and print press, and (4) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Rita H. Kerr, M.D.
Health Officer of the County of Amador

Dated: April 30, 2020

Approved as to form and legality:



Gregory Gillott
Amador County Counsel

Dated: April 30, 2020