



PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

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# ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA No. C19-14

## STAY WELL SONOMA COUNTY

### ORDER EXTENDING SHELTER IN PLACE, ALLOWING MORE BUSINESSES TO OPERATE IN THE COUNTY, AND REQUIRING MITIGATION MEASURES SUCH AS SOCIAL DISTANCING, FACE COVERINGS, AND HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS

DATE OF ORDER: JUNE 5, 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 § 120275, *et seq.*)**

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

1. Summary. The Health Orders were successful in “flattening the curve” and interrupting transmission of the virus. As more businesses re-opened we experienced an increase in new COVID-19 cases that now appears to have leveled off. While continuing to remain vigilant and monitoring critical indicators, the County of Sonoma (“County”) is prepared to take measured steps in reopening additional business and community activities, within the parameters of the Governor’s Orders and Guidelines. This should not be seen as a return to normal. The virus is not contained. There is still a clear and present danger to the community by its continued transmission. This is especially true for indoor activities, when individuals are at close quarters, interacting with greater numbers of people, and/or are interacting with non-household members for longer durations.
2. As detailed in this Order, while a given activity may be one that is now conditionally allowed, each activity is subject to the requirements for social distancing, hygiene, and face covering, as well as any specific protocols or business-specific guidance. It is up to the business owners, organizers and participants in any given activity to understand and follow the public health guidance that apply to that activity for the protection of employees, customers, and the public, and to cooperate with public health enforcement and disease control unit/contact tracers to help limit the spread of the virus.

3. While certain indoor activities and businesses are allowed in this Order to operate, such as retail, restaurants, and faith-based gatherings, the science is clear that to the extent that these activities can continue to be done outdoors (such as retail curbside pickup, outdoor dining or outdoor faith based services) or remotely via electronic means, the risk of virus transmission is lower and is therefore recommended.
4. The evidence shows that a significant percentage of virus transmission is from people who are asymptomatic or have very mild symptoms. Health screenings may not detect these individuals. While a given activity may be allowed under this and the Governor's Orders, the Health Officer advises that community members conduct their own risk-based assessment of what activities are appropriate, especially those who have underlying medical conditions, people age 65 or older, or who are otherwise vulnerable (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>).
5. The public is also reminded that as additional activities are authorized by the Governor, such authorizations are not automatically in effect, but subject to the local Health Officer's decision on whether to amend this Order to authorize such activities, based on local conditions, trends, and health system capacity concerning the virus and its spread.
6. Effective Period. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on June 6, 2020 and will continue until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer or the State Health Officer. Like the Governor's Executive Orders N-33-20 and N-60-20, this Order does not have a specific end date so that we can respond and make modifications as necessary (either loosening or tightening restrictions) as changes in the data and state orders may dictate.
7. Supersedes Prior Orders. This Order supersedes the May 1, 2020 Shelter in Place Order of the Health Officer (C19-09 and Amendments No. 1-3 ("Prior Shelter Order") and the April 13, 2020 Order of the Health Officer Requiring members of the public to wear Facial Coverings (C19-07). This Order modifies certain requirements of the Prior 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 Prior Shelter Order has resulted in flat or reduced hospitalizations and ICU admissions for greater than 14 days, adequate hospital capacity, and lengthening of the case doubling time. This Order balances the risk of increased transmission with the need to protect individuals at high risk of disease, as well as the social, emotional, and economic impact of certain restrictions. As of the effective date and time of this Order set forth in Section 6 above, all individuals, businesses, and government agencies in Sonoma County ("County") are required to follow this Order.
8. Purpose and Intent. The intent of this Order is to ensure that people continue to shelter in their places of residence to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible and mitigate the impact on delivery of critical healthcare services. All provisions of this Order must be interpreted to effectuate this intent. This Order also

adopts the State of California’s Stay- at-Home Order’s designations for Allowed Business, Essential Infrastructure, and outdoor recreation, and thus allows a limited number of additional activities to resume while the Health Officer continues to assess the transmissibility and clinical severity of COVID-19. This Order also clarifies when Face Coverings are required, as set forth in Section 20 below. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

9. This Order is issued based on evidence of continued community transmission of COVID-19 within the County and throughout the Bay Area; continued uncertainty regarding the degree of undetected asymptomatic transmission; scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically; evidence that the age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the County places it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19; and further evidence that others, including younger and otherwise healthy people, are also at risk for serious outcomes. Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in the general public, which is now a pandemic according to the World Health Organization, there is a public health emergency throughout the County. Making the problem worse, some individuals who contract the virus causing the COVID-19 disease have no symptoms or have mild symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus and are transmitting it to others.
  
10. The collective efforts taken to date regarding this public health emergency have slowed the virus’ trajectory, but the emergency and the attendant risk to public health remain significant. This Order is issued in light of the existence of 610 cases of COVID-19 and 4 deaths in the County as of June 5, 2020. The cumulative number of confirmed cases continues to increase, though the rate of increase has slowed in the days leading up to this Order. Evidence suggests that the restrictions on mobility and Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements and Facial Coverings Order imposed by the Prior Shelter Order have been effective in slowing the rate of increase in community transmission and confirmed cases.
  
11. COVID-19 Indicators. The local health officer, in conjunction with Bay Area Health Officers, is monitoring several key indicators (“COVID-19 Indicators”), which are among the many factors informing decisions whether to modify existing shelter-in-place restrictions. The COVID-19 Indicators include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. The trend of the number of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations per day
  - b. The capacity of hospitals and the health system in the County and region, including acute care beds and Intensive Care Unit beds, to provide care for COVID-19 patients and other patients, including during a surge in COVID-19 cases.
  - c. The supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) available for hospital staff and

other healthcare providers and personnel who need PPE to safely respond to and treat COVID-19 patients.

- d. The ability and capacity to quickly and accurately test persons to determine whether they are COVID-19 positive, especially those in vulnerable populations or high-risk settings or occupations.
- e. The ability to conduct case investigation and contact tracing for the volume of cases and associated contacts that will continue to occur, isolating confirmed cases and quarantining persons who have had contact with confirmed cases.

Progress on some of these COVID-19 Indicators—specifically related to case and hospitalization trends and adequate current hospital capacity—makes it appropriate, at this time, to ease certain restrictions imposed by the Prior Shelter Order to allow individuals to engage in additional activities and perform work for additional businesses with mitigation measures in effect. The Health Officer will continually review whether modifications to the Order are justified based on (1) progress on the 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.

12. The 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 health care system from being overwhelmed; (c) prevent long-term chronic health conditions, such as cardiovascular, kidney, and respiratory damage and loss of limbs from blood clotting; and (d) prevent deaths. At the same time, since the Prior Shelter Order was issued the County has made significant progress in expanding health system capacity and healthcare resources and in slowing community transmission of COVID-19. In light of progress on these indicators, and subject to continued monitoring and potential public health-based responses, it is appropriate at this time to allow additional Allowed Businesses and outdoor recreation to operate in the County.
13. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the May 22, 2020 Amendment No. 3 to Order of the Health Officer C19-09; the May 14, 2020 Amendment No. 2 to Order of the Health Officer C19-09; the May 7, 2020 Amendment No. 1 to Order of the Health Officer No. C19-09; the May 4, 2020 Executive Order of the Governor (N-60-20); the May 1, 2020 Order of the Health Officer No. C19-09; the April 28, 2020 Order of the Health Officer No. C19-10; the April 13, 2020 Order of the Health Officer No. C19-07; the March 19, 2020 Executive Order of the Governor (N-33-20); the March 13, 2020 Order of the Health Officer No. C19-02; the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 2, 2020 Proclamation of Local Emergency for the County of Sonoma issued by the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency in the County Regarding Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19); the Declaration of Local Health Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) issued by the Health Officer; the March 4, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma Ratifying and Extending the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency, and the

March 4, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma  
Ratifying and Extending the Proclamation of a Local Emergency.

14. 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. This Order adopts in certain respects more stringent restrictions addressing the particular facts and circumstances in this County, which are necessary to control the public health emergency as it is evolving within the County and the Bay Area. Without this tailored set of restrictions that further reduces the number of interactions between persons, scientific evidence indicates that the public health crisis in the County will worsen to the point at which it may overtake available health care resources within the County and increase the death rate.

Also, this Order sets forth mandatory Face Coverings and Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements for all individuals in the County; and adds a mechanism to ensure that all businesses operating in the County prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol and comply with local and state sector specific guidance. Where a conflict exists between this Order and any state public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the most restrictive provision controls. Consistent with California Health and Safety Code section 131080 and the Health Officer Practice Guide for Communicable Disease Control in California, the more restrictive provisions between this Order and State orders apply and control in this County. In addition, to the extent any federal guidelines allow activities that are not allowed by this Order, this Order controls and those activities are not allowed.

15. Individuals. All individuals currently living within the County are ordered to shelter at their place of residence, except as provided in this Order. Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this Section, but are strongly urged to obtain shelter, and governmental and other entities are strongly urged to, as soon as possible, make such shelter available and provide handwashing or hand sanitation facilities to persons who continue experiencing homelessness. When people need to leave their place of residence for the purposes allowed in this Order, they must strictly comply with Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements and the Face Coverings Requirements, except as expressly provided in this Order. Individuals may also leave their residence as follows:
- a. To work for a Allowed Business, as defined below and by future Amendments to this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.
  - b. To work for, volunteer at, or obtain services at “Essential Governmental Functions,” as determined by the governmental entity performing those functions.
  - c. To work for, volunteer at, or obtain services at “Healthcare Operations” as designated by the State Public Health Officer at <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>.
  - d. To provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of “Essential Infrastructure” as designated by the State Public Health

Officer at <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>  
All Essential Infrastructure shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements and Face Coverings Requirements.

- e. To provide necessary care for a family member or pet in another household who has no other source of care.
  - f. To attend a funeral of no more than 100 attendees or 25% of building capacity, whichever is lower, and subject to Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements, Face Coverings Requirements, and the State Places of Worship Guidance. People at high risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to take extra precautions, including participating through outdoor or vehicle based drive-thru services.
  - g. To move between residences or to a new residence, but only if it is not possible to defer an already planned move, if the move is necessitated by safety, sanitation, or habitability reasons, or if the move is necessary to preserve access to shelter. When moving from an area with high community transmission, individuals are strongly urged to quarantine for 14 days. To quarantine, individuals should follow the guidance of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For clarity, the expectation is that people will shelter in their primary residence or their second home, but not move between them. Individuals should choose which residence to shelter in and stay put for the duration of the shelter in place order. Individuals must not leave their chosen residence to travel to another residence or vacation home, except as allowed under this Order or to perform routine maintenance or inspection (and not for vacation or tourism purposes).
  - h. All first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel are categorically exempt from this Order to the extent they are performing essential services.
  - i. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing “Essential Governmental Functions,” as determined by the governmental entity performing those functions. Each governmental entity shall identify and designate appropriate employees, volunteers, or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions, including the hiring or retention of new employees or contractors to perform such functions. Each governmental entity and its contractors must employ all necessary emergency protective measures to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, and all Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements and Face Coverings Requirements.
16. Activities. Individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following “Essential Activities.” But people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (as defined in Section 26) and people who are sick are strongly urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible, except as necessary to seek medical care or Essential Governmental Functions. Essential Activities are:
- a. To engage in activities or perform tasks important to their health and safety, or to

the health and safety of their family or household members (including pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, or visiting a health care professional.

- b. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family, household members, and pets, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet food and supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the habitability, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
- c. To engage in outdoor recreation or sports, involving participant group size not to exceed 10 persons, with adherence to Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements and Face Covering Requirements, and with the following limitations and allowances:
  - i. Park facilities may be open and operate consistent with the requirements set out in Appendix D, “Park Facilities Operations and Use.”
  - ii. An “Outdoor Recreation Activity Business” may operate only if it is a “Allowed Business” as both are defined in Section 17.b below, and in compliance with a properly prepared, posted, and implemented Social Distancing Protocol, attached to this Order as Appendix A, as required by the Industry-Specific Guidance set out in Appendix E, and as that may be amended by the Health Officer from time to time.
  - iii. An “Outdoor Recreational Equipment Rental Business” may operate only if it is a “Allowed Business” as both are defined in Section 17.b below, and in compliance with a properly prepared, posted, and implemented Social Distancing Protocol, attached to this Order as Appendix A, as required by the Industry-Specific Guidance set out in Appendix F, and as that may be amended by the Health Officer from time to time.
  - iv. To participate in guided or chaperoned outdoor recreational activities, provided that Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements and Face Coverings Requirements are followed to the greatest extent feasible and that no more than 10 persons (who need not be from the same household or living unit), in addition to one host, gather in a consistent group. Any equipment issued or rented to individuals to engage in the activity (for example a kayak, bicycle, or surfboard) shall only be used by that individual for the duration of the activity and sanitized after each use per EPA guidance (<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/guidance-cleaning-and-disinfecting-public-spaces-workplaces-businesses-schools-and-homes>).
  - v. All activities allowed under Sections i, ii, iii, and iv. above, are subject to the following:
    1. No direct physical contact.
    2. No tournaments, competitions or other sporting events.
    3. No live audience activities.
    4. Recreational campgrounds remain closed.

- vi. Outdoor swimming pools that are public, semi-public (HOA), and private (club or member-only) may provide facilities for lap swimming, fitness activities, physical therapy or exercise and shall:
  - 1. Limit the number of participants.
  - 2. Designate pool space and areas in such a way that Social Distancing and Hygiene requirements can be maintained.
  - 3. Close areas that encourage gatherings to allow for greater social distancing;
  - 4. Indoor locker rooms and changing areas shall remain closed to the public; and,
  - 5. Adhere to CDC Guidance (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-re/aquatic-venues.html>), and USA Swimming Facility Re-Opening Messaging and Planning Guidance ([https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/coaching-resourcesdocuments/covid-19-team-resources/facility-reopening-plan-guidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=8a533a32\\_2](https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/coaching-resourcesdocuments/covid-19-team-resources/facility-reopening-plan-guidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=8a533a32_2)).
  - 6. Limit groups of childcare, summer camp programs, and other educational or recreational institutions or programs providing care or supervision for children (as defined in Section 17.b.iii.) so that groups do not commingle with other groups.
- d. To attend an outdoor vehicle based school graduation, drive-in movies, and faith-based drive-thru ceremony, and subject to Guidance Relating to Vehicle-Based School Graduation, Drive-in Movies, and Faith-Based Drive-Thru Ceremonies, Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements, and Face Coverings Requirements.

17. Businesses. All businesses except for Allowed Businesses, defined below, and businesses designated by the State Public Health Officer as Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers (<https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>) are required to cease all activities except for Minimum Basic Operations, as defined in this Section. All businesses operating in the County shall continue to prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol at each of their facilities at which they are maintaining operations, as specified in this Section.

- a. Definition. A “business” includes any for-profit, non-profit, faith based organization, or educational entity, whether a corporate entity, organization, partnership or sole proprietorship, and regardless of the nature of the service, the function it performs, or its corporate or entity structure.
- b. Allowed Businesses. “Allowed Businesses” consist of businesses designated by the State Public Health Officer as Essential Critical Infrastructure as well as the following business sectors, subject to local and state sector specific orders and guidance, and as may be amended from time to time at the links below in Section 18, and the following additional limitations:



- i. Agriculture and livestock;
- ii. Auto dealerships;
- iii. All childcare, summer camp programs, and other educational or recreational institutions or programs providing care or supervision for children of all ages for less than 24 hours are allowed. All licensed programs should refer to Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing PIN 20-06-CCP [https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/PINs/2020/CCP/PIN\\_20-06-CCP.pdf](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/PINs/2020/CCP/PIN_20-06-CCP.pdf) for best practices. All other programs should comply with guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Child Care Programs: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>. Additionally all childcare and summer camp programs operating under this must operate under the following conditions:
  - 1. Childcare shall be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer (“stable” means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day).
  - 2. Children shall not change from one group to another.
  - 3. If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, children shall remain in groups as small as possible and remain separated from other groups. It is important to keep the same children and teacher or staff with each group and include children from the same family in the same group. Groups shall not mix with each other.
  - 4. Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children, except for temporary briefs or other short-term relief.
  - 5. Children and childcare providers within the same childcare group are allowed to commingle and are not required to maintain a six-foot distance from each other at all times.
  - 6. Face Coverings are not required for children younger than age two (2). For children two (2) years of age or older, the Health Officer encourages parents and childcare providers to follow the guidance of the American Association of Pediatrics when masking children over two years of age. (<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/masks-and-children-during-covid-19/>). Face Coverings practices should be consistent with the cognitive and developmental capabilities of the child when in a childcare setting. Naptime is an exception to the masking requirement as children should not be masked when they are sleeping; napping children should observe social distancing (nap 6 feet apart).
  - 7. Childcare, summer camp programs, and other educational or recreational institutions or programs providing care or supervision

for children that use facilities defined as “Parks” under Appendix D, “Park Facilities Operations and Use” Section (e.), shall qualify as “individuals from the same household” for purposes of Section (d.vi.) of that Appendix, so long as they also comply with the group size and other limitations set out in this Section.

- iv. Communications infrastructure;
- v. Construction. Businesses providing construction services. “Construction services” means services to build, expand, maintain, operate, repair, replace, remodel, retrofit or refurbish any structure, including services needed to support construction activity including, for example, environmental review work, land-surveying, painting, plumbing, electrical, roofing, drywall, fencing, paving, fixture installation, inspection, and similar services.  
Businesses providing construction services shall:
  - 1. Strictly comply with Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements set forth in this Order;
  - 2. Be subject to construction sector specific guidance (see Section 18 of this Order);
  - 3. Develop and comply with COVID-19 Construction Field Safety Requirements at Appendix B;
- vi. Delivery services;
- vii. Energy and utilities;
- viii. Food packing;
- ix. Hotels, motels, and short-term lodging facilities, subject to the restrictions below in Section 22;
- x. Life sciences;
- xi. Limited services, except that counseling provided by faith based organizations can be performed in-person with members of a single household or living unit if telework is not possible, and subject to existing local and state orders and guidance, including the Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements, Face Coverings Requirements, and the State COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Limited Services posted here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-limited-services.pdf>. Counseling service already being performed by teleworking shall not be allowed to convert into in-person counseling. People at high risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19, as defined below in Section 26, are encouraged to use counseling by faith based organization through telework or other technologies that support physical distancing and public health guidelines.
- xii. Logistics and warehousing facilities;
- xiii. Manufacturing;
- xiv. Mining and logging;
- xv. Outdoor museums;
- xvi. Office workspaces where teleworking is not possible. This does not apply to office activities already being performed by teleworking, and shall not

necessarily allow teleworking to be converted into in-person operations. These office workspaces shall not be open to the public. All in-office operations must be conducted in accordance with applicable state and local guidance.

- xvii. Indoor and Outdoor Places of worship of no more than 100 attendees or 25% of building capacity, whichever is lower, and subject to Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements, Face Coverings Requirements, and the State Places of Worship Guidance. People at high risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to take extra precautions, including participating through virtual, outdoor, or vehicle based drive-thru services;
- xviii. Ports;
  - xix. Public transit and intercity passenger rail;
  - xx. Real estate transaction;
  - xxi. Indoor and Outdoor Retail;
  - xxii. Indoor and Outdoor Shopping centers;
- xxiii. Dine-in restaurants and food facilities. Brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may operate under this Section only if meals are provided, including by contract with another vendor. Alcohol can only be served in the same transaction as a meal. Alcohol only retail sales may only occur after the meal;
- xxiv. Hair salons and barbershops. Services that cannot be performed with Face Coverings on both the worker and customer or that require touching the customer's face, e.g., eyelash services, eyebrow waxing and threading, facials, permanent make up, etc., are prohibited until those types of services are allowed to resume by the State Public Health Officer;
- xxv. Outdoor Recreation Activity Business, which is an outdoor business otherwise entitled to operate under this Order, and which operates predominately outside and provides its customers with recreational activities, opportunities and/or instruction occurring exclusively outside, and subject to the Outdoor Recreation Activity Business Requirements in Appendix E;
- xxvi. Outdoor Recreational Equipment Rental Business, which is a recreational equipment rental business that was in operation prior to March 17, 2020 and where there is the ability to fully maintain social distancing of at least six feet between all persons, and subject to the Outdoor Recreational Equipment Rental Business Requirements in Appendix F; and
- xxvii. Outdoor Sport Fishing Business, except that boats shall reduce their passenger carrying capacity so individuals or households may maintain six foot social distancing aboard the vessel. The captain, crew and passengers shall comply with Face Coverings Requirements at all times and follow mitigation measures including but not limited to social distancing while boarding and disembarking the vessel and frequent sanitation of rails, counters, restroom and seating areas prior and during the activity as

- necessary; and,
- xxviii. Any businesses authorized to operate under the Prior Shelter Orders.
- c. Minimum Basic Operations. “Minimum Basic Operations” include the following activities when they cannot be performed remotely, provided that there are only the minimum number of persons on-site and persons comply with Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements as defined this Section:
- i. The minimum necessary activities to maintain and protect the value of the business’s inventory and facilities; ensure security, safety, and sanitation; process payroll and employee benefits; and related functions.
  - ii. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate owners, personnel, and contractors of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences, and to ensure that the business can deliver its service remotely.
- d. Social Distancing Protocol. All businesses must prepare and post a “Social Distancing Protocol” for each of their facilities in the County frequented by the public or employees. The Social Distancing Protocol must be substantially in the form attached to this Order as Appendix A. The Social Distancing Protocol must be posted at or near the entrance of the relevant facility, and shall be easily viewable by the public and employees. A copy of the Social Distancing Protocol must also be provided to each employee performing work at the facility and to any authority enforcing this Order upon demand. The Social Distancing Protocol must explain how the business is achieving the following, as applicable:
- i. Limiting the number of people who can enter into the facility at any one time to ensure that people in the facility can easily maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another at all times, except as required to complete the Allowed Business activity;
  - ii. Where lines may form at a facility, marking six-foot increments at a minimum, establishing where individuals should stand to maintain adequate social distancing;
  - iii. Providing hand sanitizer, soap and water, or effective disinfectant at or near the entrance of the facility and in other appropriate areas for use by the public and employees, and in locations where there is high-frequency employee interaction with members of the public (e.g. cashiers);
  - iv. Providing for contactless payment systems or, if not feasible to do so, the providing for disinfecting all payment portals, pens, and styluses after each use;
  - v. Regularly disinfecting other high-touch surfaces;
  - vi. Posting a sign at the entrance of the facility informing all employees and customers that they should: avoid entering the facility if they have a cough or fever; maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another; sneeze and cough into one’s elbow; not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact; and
  - vii. Any additional social distancing measures being implemented (see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s guidance at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>).

18. Framework for Reopening. All businesses, including public agencies, operating in the County shall comply with local and state orders and guidance, including preparing, posting, and implementing a Social Distancing Protocol, Attached to this Order as Appendix A, at all facilities operating in the County, as well as requiring all employees to perform a self-check for COVID-19 symptoms and temperature check before reporting to their work site or other assignment away from their residence. Employers should use the free Sonoma County SoCo COVID-19 Check Application. An alternative system may be utilized as long as it meets the same purpose of employee and employer assessments and as long as it allows the electronic reporting of equivalent data to be reported to the County in aggregate form.

County Orders and Guidance are located here:

- <https://socoemergency.org/emergency/novel-coronavirus/health-orders/>
- <http://sonomaedb.org/Business-Assistance/Coronavirus/Business-Management-Plans/>

State Orders and Guidance are located here:

- <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/SHO%20Order%205-7-2020.pdf>
- <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>

SoCo COVID-19 Check is located here:

- Apple IOS version is on the Apple App store  
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/soco-covid-19-check/id1511037042>
- Android version is on Google Play Store  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sococheck>
- SoCoEmergency Website  
<https://socoemergency.org/emergency/novel-coronavirus/soco-covid-19-check/>

19. Amendments. Additional businesses will be allowed to open through future Amendments to this Order.
20. Gatherings. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except as allowed by this Order or by the State Public Health Officer. Nothing in this Order prohibits members of a single household or living unit from engaging in Essential Travel or Essential Activities together.
- a. In an effort to balance First Amendment interests with public health, the prohibition against gatherings does not apply to faith-based services, cultural ceremonies (as defined by the State Public Health Officer), as well as protests or

other forms of expressive speech. These types of gatherings are allowed so long as they do not exceed 100 attendees or 25% of the capacity of the space in which the gathering is held, whichever is lower. Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements as well as the Face Covering Requirement shall be complied with at all times.

21. Travel. All travel, except Essential Travel, as defined below, is prohibited. People may use public transit only for purposes of performing Essential Activities or to travel to and from work to operate Allowed Businesses, maintain Essential Governmental Functions, or to perform Minimum Basic Operations at non-allowed businesses. Individuals engaged in travel must comply with Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements, as defined in Section 23.

- a. “Essential Travel” includes travel for any of the following purposes.
  - i. Travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Allowed Businesses, or Minimum Basic Operations.
  - ii. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
  - iii. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services.
  - iv. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction.
  - v. Travel required by law enforcement or court order.
  - vi. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the County. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the County remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel.
  - vii. Travel to manage after-death arrangements and burial.
  - viii. Travel to arrange for shelter or avoid homelessness.
  - ix. Travel to avoid domestic violence or child abuse.
  - x. Travel for parental custody or foster care arrangements.
  - xi. Travel to a place to temporarily reside in a residence or other facility to avoid potentially exposing others to COVID-19, such as a hotel or other facility provided by a governmental authority for such purposes.

22. Lodging. Short-term lodging facilities (including short-term rentals, vacation rentals, timeshares, hotels, motels, and other short-term lodgings) only to the extent they provide: (1) lodging to protect the County homeless population, (2) lodging for County residents who have been displaced and cannot return to their residence because there is a person residing at their residence that must isolate or quarantine or is at a high risk of severe illness from COVID-19, as defined in Section 26, (3) lodging for County residents who need to isolate or quarantine, (4) housing support for Healthcare Operations, Essential Infrastructure, Allowed Businesses, and Essential Governmental Functions (i.e. housing traveling nurses or government contractors). Short-term lodging facilities shall not

operate for tourism. No homeowner, agent of the homeowner, property manager, marketing agent, listing agent, or real estate agent shall engage in efforts to rent or lease any short-term lodging facilities within the County for any other purpose;

23. Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements.

- a. All individuals must strictly comply with “Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements” which means:
  - i. Maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from individuals who are not part of the same household or living unit;
  - ii. Frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitizer that is recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as effective in combatting COVID-19;
  - iii. Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or fabric or, if not possible, into the sleeve or elbow (but not into hands);
  - iv. Wearing a Face Covering when out in public, consistent with the Face Coverings Requirements; and
  - v. Avoiding all social interaction outside the household when sick with a fever, cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms.
- b. Exceptions. Individuals are exempted from complying with Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements only to the limited extent necessary to provide care (including childcare, adult or senior care, care to individuals with special needs, and patient care); as necessary to carry out the work of Permitted Businesses, Essential Governmental Functions, or provide for Minimum Basic Operations; or as otherwise expressly provided in this Order.

24. Face Coverings Requirements. It is required that all people wear Face Coverings before they enter any indoor business, indoor public common areas, or whenever the person is unable to maintain a six-foot distance at all times from a person of a different household or living unit and as set forth in Appendix C of this Order. This requirement includes certain exceptions:

- a. While inside their own residence;
- b. While inside or driving alone in a vehicle, or with members of the same household or living unit, unless the windows in the vehicle are lowered to interact with first responders, food service workers, or other persons who are not members of their household or living unit.
- c. While engaging in outdoor recreational or sport activity if Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements are met at all times;
- d. While eating or drinking;
- e. If a Face Covering may pose a risk to the person wearing the mask for health-or safety related reasons; a Face Covering should also not be used by anyone who has a respiratory condition or trouble breathing, or who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the Face Covering without assistance.

- f. If a Face Covering would create a risk to the person related to their work as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
  - g. Face Covering Requirements do not apply to children aged two years or less because of the risk of suffocation; and are only recommended, but not ordered, for any child aged twelve years or less.
25. Definitions. To the extent the Sheriff or any chief of police has any questions regarding the definitions under this Order, the Health Officer hereby delegates authority to the County Counsel to answer such questions.
26. People at high risk. People at high risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 and people who are sick are strongly encouraged to stay in their residence to the extent possible. These people should make a reasonable effort to avoid leaving home by utilizing delivery services, telecommunications, or other means available. Nothing 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. For purposes of this Order, “people at high risk of severe illness” from COVID-19 are people who meet the CDC definition of higher risk (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>). Based upon available information to date, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 include:
- a. People aged 65 years and older.
  - b. People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.
  - c. Other high-risk conditions could include:
    - i. People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma.
    - ii. People who have serious heart conditions.
    - iii. People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment.
    - iv. People of any age with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] >40) or certain underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, such as those with diabetes, renal failure, or liver disease might also be at risk.

Please note, many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications.

27. Community Services. Government agencies and other entities operating shelters and other facilities that house or provide meals or other necessities of life for individuals experiencing homelessness must take appropriate steps to help ensure compliance with Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements, including adequate provision of hand sanitizer. Also, individuals experiencing homelessness who are unsheltered should abide by 12 foot by 12 foot distancing for the placement of tents/sleeping quarters, and government agencies should provide restroom and hand washing facilities for such



individuals as set forth in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Interim Guidance Responding to Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Among People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/unsheltered-homelessness.html>).

28. Enforcement. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. The Sheriff, chiefs of police, County Counsel, and city attorneys are empowered to ensure compliance with and enforce this Order within their jurisdictions. Questions of interpretation of the Order shall remain as set forth in Section 25 above. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.
29. Operations Center. The County is ordered to establish an Operations Center, implement all emergency protective orders, implement all health officer orders, and implement the County's pandemic response.
30. The Health Officer has determined that this Order, and its Prior Shelter Orders, were and are necessary because cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed throughout Sonoma County. COVID-19 is highly contagious and has a propensity to spread in various ways including, but not limited to, by attaching to surfaces or remaining in the air, resulting in physical damage and/or physical loss.
31. Additional Standards. The Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements and Appendices in this Order establish minimum requirements. The Health Officer, in consultation with the Economic Development Board and industry representatives, may develop and establish additional sector specific social distancing and health/safety standards and best practices. Until such sector specific standards and best practices are established, industries should review any relevant sector specific COVID-19 guidance or regulations issued by Federal, California, or Sonoma County governmental agencies in order to develop and implement their own best practices, in addition to complying with the Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements and Appendices in this Order.
32. Public Distribution. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Administration Center at 575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa CA 95403; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department website (<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Public-Health/>) and (<https://socoemergency.org/>); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
33. Severability. 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.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

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Dr. Sundari R. Mase, MD MPH  
Health Officer of the County of Sonoma

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Date

Attachments: Appendix A – Social Distancing Protocol  
Appendix B – COVID-19 Construction Field Safety Requirements  
Appendix C - Face Coverings Requirements  
Appendix D – Requirements of the Sonoma County Public Health Officer  
Regarding Parks Facilities and Use  
Appendix E – Outdoor Recreation Activity Business Requirements  
Appendix F – Outdoor Recreational Equipment Rental Businesses Requirements

**Appendix A: Social Distancing Protocol**

Business name:

Facility Address:

Approximate gross square footage of space open to the public:

**All businesses operating in the County must implement all applicable measures listed below, and be prepared to explain why any measure that is not implemented is inapplicable to the business.**

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***Signage:***

Signage at each public entrance of the facility to inform all employees and customers that they should: avoid entering the facility if they have COVID-19 symptoms; maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another; sneeze and cough into a cloth or tissue or, if not available, into one’s elbow; wear Face Covering, as appropriate; and not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact.

Signage posting a copy of the Social Distancing Protocol at each public entrance to the facility.

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***Measures To Protect Employee Health (check all that apply to the facility):***

Everyone who can carry out their work duties from home has been directed to do so.

All employees have been told not to come to work if sick.

Educated employees and management to carry out COVID-19 mitigation plans and protocols.

Provide training to employees on COVID-19 mitigation measures for customer-facing activities.

Temperature checks to verify the employee’s temperature is below 100.0 F before entry into workplace.

Symptom checks are being conducted before employees may enter the work space.

Employees are required to wear Face Covering, as appropriate.

All desks or individual work stations are separated by at least six feet.

Break rooms, bathrooms, and other common areas are being disinfected frequently, on the following schedule:

- Break rooms:
- Bathrooms:
- Other:

Disinfectant and related supplies are available to all employees at the following location(s):

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- Hand sanitizer effective against COVID-19 is available to all employees at the following location(s):
- Soap and water are available to all employees at the following location(s):
- Copies of this Protocol have been distributed to all employees.
- Optional—Describe other measures:

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**Measures To Prevent Crowds From Gathering (check all that apply to the facility):**

- Limit the number of customers in the store at any one time to Click or tap here to enter text., which allows for customers and employees to easily maintain at least six-foot distance from one another at all practicable times.
- Post an employee at the door to ensure that the maximum number of customers in the facility set forth above is not exceeded.
- Placing per-person limits on goods that are selling out quickly to reduce crowds and lines. Explain:
- Optional—Describe other measures:

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**Measures To Keep People At Least Six Feet Apart (check all that apply to the facility)**

- Placing signs outside the store reminding people to be at least six feet apart, including when in line.
- Placing tape or other markings at least six feet apart in customer line areas inside the store and on sidewalks at public entrances with signs directing customers to use the markings to maintain distance.
- Separate order areas from delivery areas to prevent customers from gathering.
- All employees have been instructed to maintain at least six feet distance from customers and from each other, except employees may momentarily come closer when necessary to accept payment, deliver goods or services, or as otherwise necessary.
- Optional—Describe other measures:

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**Measures To Prevent Unnecessary Contact (check all that apply to the facility):**

- Preventing people from self-serving any items that are food-related.
- Lids for cups and food-bar type items are provided by staff; not to customers to grab.

- Bulk-item food bins are not available for customer self-service use.
- Not allowing customers to bring their own bags, mugs, or other reusable items from home.
- Providing for contactless payment systems or, if not feasible, sanitizing payment systems regularly.  
Describe:
- Optional—Describe other measures (e.g. providing senior-only hours):

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**Measures To Increase Sanitization (check all that apply to the facility):**

- Disinfecting wipes that are effective against COVID-19 are available near high contact surfaces, shopping carts, and shopping baskets.
- Employee(s) assigned to disinfect carts and baskets regularly.
- Hand sanitizer, soap and water, or effective disinfectant is available to the public at or near the entrance of the facility, at checkout counters, and anywhere else where people have direct interactions.
- Disinfecting all payment portals, pens, and styluses after each use.
- Disinfecting all high-contact surfaces frequently.
- Optional—Describe other measures:

\* Any additional measures not included here should be listed on separate pages and attached to this document.

**You may contact the following person with any questions or comments about this protocol:**  
**Name:** **Phone number:**

## **Appendix B: COVID-19 Construction Field Safety Requirements**

The following are required elements of a Social Distancing Protocol for construction businesses engaged in allowed construction activity under Section 17.b.v. of the Health Officer's Order C19-14, dated June 5, 2020.

1. If requested, submit to the appropriate County Representative the new or updated Social Distancing Protocol consistent with these guidelines;
2. Establish an assembly point for staff, before the start of work each day that complies with the recommended social distancing parameters;
3. Establish a daily screening protocol for arriving staff, to ensure that potentially infected staff do not enter the work site. If workers leave and re-enter the work site during the shift, re-screen individuals prior to re-entry into the work site;
4. Provide a daily tailgate session reviewing site protocols to mitigate potential spread of the virus. As information is changing continuously regarding COVID-19, these tailgates should occur daily and contractors should document attendance and require worker signatures;
5. Designate a Site Safety Rep (SSR) to monitor and implement all recommended safety practices regarding the COVID-19 virus with all contractor staff members. Labor supervisors must have the authority, through consultation with the SSR, to halt all activities that do not adhere to the COVID-19 safety practices. The SSR should have training commensurate with this hazard and all required industrial hygiene practices that may be required on the job site. This person will be responsible to maintain supplies of disinfectants and make sure that workers follow decontamination, hand washing, and distancing;
6. For work sites where multiple employers share the same work space, inform all employers about each Social Distancing Protocol and site-specific COVID-19 Construction Field Safety Requirements. Where one contractor enters the space of another contractor, the most stringent protocol or guideline will be followed. Stagger the trades as needed to reduce density and maintain social distancing and separation of at least 6 feet. Minimize interactions when picking up or delivering equipment or materials;
7. Regularly clean and sanitize trailers, toilets, and other enclosed spaces;
8. Social distancing must be maintained in elevators and lifts. Establish a regular cleaning and disinfection schedule for elevators and lifts. Identify other "choke points" or "high-risk areas" where persons may come into close contact, and take appropriate steps to maintain social distancing and hygiene;
9. Establish a cleaning and decontamination protocol prior to entry and exit of the job site. Establish a similar cleaning protocol within the job site area;

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10. Establish cleaning and/or hand washing stations within the work areas. They should be of sufficient quantity to allow staff to remain within the work areas without exiting into break areas. It is critical to adequately maintain these stations continuously;
11. Establish adequate time in the workday to allow for proper cleaning and decontamination including prior to leaving the job site for the day;
12. Ensure easy access to parking, since public transit may be limited;
13. Assign a second safety officer to the construction site to ensure protocols are being followed;
14. Ensure all persons utilize appropriate personal protective equipment, including Face Coverings or masks, depending on the nature of the work; and
15. Establish a Code of Safety Practices that will at a minimum require staff/labor to follow the following practices during the course of their work:
  - a. If you feel sick, or have been exposed to anyone who is sick with COVID-19, stay at home. You may be required to provide COVID-19 test result showing a negative result (not infected with COVID-19) before being allowed to return to work. This is critical to preventing spread of the virus.
  - b. Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. Avoid touching your face with un-sanitized hands. Avoid touching common surfaces with bare hands.
  - c. Constantly observe your work distances in relation to other staff. Maintain the recommended minimum 6 feet separation from one another at all times feasible. Do not shake hands or make other unnecessary direct contact with other staff.
  - d. Do not carpool with other staff unless they are family members living within your household. Do not share phones. Use of microwaves, water coolers, and other similar group equipment for breaks is suspended until further notice.
  - e. Clean and disinfect personal tools prior to use, as well as group tools.
  - f. Disposable paper towels and similar waste must be deposited in non-touch waste bins.
  - g. Do not cough or sneeze into your hand; rather, direct coughs and sneezes into a cloth or tissue or, if not available, the crook of your arm at your elbow; follow established CDC guidelines.
  - h. Workers should change work clothes and shoes prior to arriving at home. All clothing should not be shook out. Launder work clothes separate from other laundry.





## Appendix C — Face Coverings Requirements

For purposes of this Section, a “Face Covering” means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers only the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face. A covering that hides or obscures the wearer’s eyes or forehead is not a Face Covering. Examples of Face Coverings include a scarf or bandanna; a neck gaiter; a homemade covering made from a t-shirt, sweatshirt, or towel, held on with rubber bands or otherwise; or a mask, which need not be medical-grade. A Face Covering may be factory-made, or may be handmade and improvised from ordinary household materials. The Face Covering should be comfortable, so that the wearer can breathe comfortably through the nose and does not have to adjust it frequently, so as to avoid touching the face. For as long as medical grade masks such as N95 masks and surgical masks are in short supply, members of the public should not purchase those masks as Face Coverings under this Order; those medical grade masks should be reserved for health care providers and first responders. In general, even when not required by this Order, people are strongly encouraged to wear Face Coverings when in public. Also, for Face Coverings that are not disposed of after each use, people should clean them frequently and have extra ones available so that they have a clean one available for use.

The following types of coverings do not comply with this Order:

- Halloween or plastic masks;
- Ski masks with holes for the nose or mouth;
- Masks that have a one-way valve designed for easier breathing (the valves are often a raised plastic disk about the size of a quarter, on the front or side of the mask);

Holes or one-way valves allow droplets out of the mask, putting others nearby at risk.

1. All members of the public, except as specifically exempted below, must wear a Face Covering outside their home or other place they reside in the following situations:
  - a. When they are inside of or in line to enter any Allowed Business, including, but not limited to, grocery stores, convenience stores, supermarkets, laundromats, and restaurants;
  - b. When they are inside or at any location or facility engaging in Minimum Basic Operations or seeking or receiving Essential Government Functions;
  - c. When they are engaged in Essential Infrastructure work;
  - d. When they are obtaining services at Healthcare Operations—including hospitals, clinics, COVID-19 testing locations, dentists, pharmacies, blood banks and blood drives, other healthcare facilities, mental health providers, or facilities providing veterinary care and similar healthcare services for animals—unless directed otherwise by an employee or worker at the Healthcare Operation; or
  - e. When they are waiting for or riding on public transportation (including without limitation any bus, SMART, or ferry) or paratransit or are in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle.
  - f. When they are walking through common areas such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities.

- g. When they are unable to maintain a six-foot distance from another person who is not a member of the individual's own household or living unit at all times.
- 2. Each driver or operator of any public transportation or paratransit vehicle, taxi, or private car service or ride-sharing vehicle must wear a Face Covering while driving or operating such vehicle, regardless of whether a member of the public is in the vehicle, due to the need to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets in the vehicle at all times.
- 3. All Allowed Businesses, as well as entities and organizations with workers engaged in Essential Infrastructure work, Minimum Basic Operations, or Essential Government Functions (except for Healthcare Operations, which are subject to their own regulation regarding specified face coverings), must:
  - a. Require their employees, contractors, owners, and volunteers to wear a Face Covering at the workplace and when performing work off-site any time the employee, contractor, owner, or volunteer is:
    - i. interacting in person with any member of the public;
    - ii. working in any space visited by members of the public, such as by way of example and without limitation reception areas, grocery store or pharmacy aisles, service counters, public restrooms, cashier and checkout areas, waiting rooms, service areas, and other spaces used to interact with the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time;
    - iii. working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others;
    - iv. working in or walking through common areas such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities;
    - v. in any room or enclosed area when other people (except for members of the person's own household or living unit) are present, or
    - vi. unable to maintain a six-foot distance from another person who is not a member of the individual's own household or living unit at all times.

For clarity, a Face Covering is not required when a person is in a personal office (except for open cubical) when others outside of that person's household are not present as long as the public does not regularly visit the room. By way of example and without limitation, a construction worker, plumber, bank manager, accountant, or bike repair person is not required to wear a Face Covering if that individual is alone and in a space not regularly visited by the public, but that individual must put on a Face Covering when coworkers are nearby, when being visited by a client/customer, while in common areas, and anywhere members of the public or other coworkers are regularly present.

- b. Take reasonable measures, such as posting signs, to remind their customers and the public of the requirement that they wear a Face Covering while inside of or waiting in line to enter the business, facility, or

location. Essential Businesses and entities or organizations that engaged in Essential Infrastructure work or Minimum Basic Operations must take all reasonable steps to prohibit any member of the public who is not wearing a Face Covering from entering and must not serve that person if those efforts are unsuccessful and seek to remove that person.

4. Any child aged two years or less must not wear a Face Covering because of the risk of suffocation. The Order does not require that any child aged twelve years or less wear a Face Covering. Parents and caregivers must supervise use of Face Coverings by children to avoid misuse.
5. Wearing a Face Covering is recommended but not required while engaged in outdoor recreation such as walking, hiking, bicycling, or running. But each person engaged in such activity must comply with Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements including maintaining at least six feet of separation from all other people to the greatest extent possible. Additionally, it is recommended that each person engaged in such activity bring a Face Covering and wear that Face Covering in circumstances where it is difficult to maintain compliance with Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements, and that they carry the Face Covering in a readily accessible location, such as around the person's neck, or in a pocket, for such use. Because intense physical activity may cause people to more forcefully expel airborne particles, making the usual minimum 6 feet distance less adequate, individuals should consider taking additional precautions to avoid exposing others to those particles, which could include, but is not be required: wearing a Face Covering when possible, social distancing to the extent reasonably possible, and avoiding running or cycling directly in front of or behind another runner or cyclist who is not in the same household.
6. This Order does not require any person to wear a Face Covering while driving alone, or exclusively with other members of the same family or household, in a motor vehicle, unless the windows in the vehicle are lowered to interact with first responders, food service workers, or other persons who are not members of their households.
7. A Face Covering may be briefly removed when directed to do so by law enforcement or employee when there is a need to identify the individual.
8. A Face Covering is also not required by this Order to be worn by a particular individual if: (1) a Face Covering may pose a risk to the person wearing the mask for health or safety-related reasons; or (2) wearing a Face Covering would create a risk to the person related to their work as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines. A Face Covering should also not be used by anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the Face Covering without assistance.

## Appendix D

### REQUIREMENTS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER REGARDING PARKS FACILITIES AND USE

**Dated: June 5, 2020**

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

- a. These Requirements, being issued, as part of the Sonoma County Health Officer’s Shelter in Place Order No. C19-14, dated June 5, 2020, governs Parks Facilities and Use. These requirements are intended to facilitate additional parks’ access due to the demonstrated commitment of the community in maintaining social distancing on park property and the success of the Shelter-In-Place Order in interrupting community transmission of the COVID19 virus. The Order and this Appendix further recognize the critical role parks and open space lands play in maintaining the physical, emotional and mental health of our community.
- b. Order No. C19-14, including this Appendix, rescinds, supersedes and replaces the June 2, 2020, Order of the Health Officer “Closing Parks to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19” (Order No. C19-14.)
- c. The intent and effect of this Appendix is to allow limited use of Parks for lower risk outdoor recreation and exercise to sustain residents’ physical and mental health including walking, jogging, hiking, biking and other outdoor activities where individuals and households can exercise with protective safeguards (e.g., Face Coverings and distancing) and safety guidance to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- d. For purposes of this Appendix, “Park” means an area of land, beach or water open to the public for recreation, including but not limited to walking, hiking, biking, horseback riding, relaxing, boating, fishing, and playing, regardless of ownership. This includes private facilities that are open only to a limited segment of the public, such as tennis clubs, homeowners’ associations, or other facilities that can be used for outdoor recreation by more than one household unit.
- e. The purpose of this amended Appendix is to allow County residents more access to Parks for outdoor recreation and exercise, with restrictions sufficient to prevent crowding and virus transmission. It also provides the flexibility for quick re-closures and additional constraints if problems develop with overuse, virus transmission, crowding, neighborhood impacts, or violations of the conditions of this Appendix.

With that context, Parks may be opened to access, under the following limitations:

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- i. Parking opportunities may be physically limited by Parks managers to conservatively provide for physical distancing in parking lots and at trailheads and other access points. While driving to Parks is allowed under this Appendix, Parks users are still encouraged to stay close to home and limit their time and interactions with others in public, and to initiate their visits from their place of residence if possible, via walking, hiking or biking;
- ii. The use of Park recreational areas or facilities which contain high-touch equipment or that encourage gatherings, including, but not limited to, playgrounds, outdoor gym equipment, picnic areas, drinking fountains, and barbecue areas, are prohibited, and all such areas shall remain closed to public access. Park owners shall post and, where appropriate, install physical barriers to access such areas. Failure to do so does not, however, excuse violation of this Order and Appendix by users of the Park, trail or facility;
- iii. Every potential Park user must conduct a self-assessment of their health and shall not enter a Park if they have any of the following symptoms consistent with COVID-19:
  - Fever of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or greater;
  - Cough;
  - Sore throat;
  - Shortness of breath;
  - Unusual headaches;
  - Severe fatigue;
  - Chills;
  - Gastro-intestinal symptoms such as diarrhea or stomach cramps; or
  - Loss of sense of smell or taste.
- iv. If the potential Park visitor has had direct contact with a COVID-19 positive individual(s) in the past 14 days that person shall not enter a Park, and should contact their primary health care physician for further instructions.
- v. In addition to compliance with the requirements of the social distancing and hygiene protocols in the Shelter in Place Order (No. C19-14), the following additional social distancing and hygiene protocols must be adhered to at all times within any Park. All persons must:
  - i. Maintain a minimum six-foot distance from persons who are not part of the same household or living unit;
  - ii. Carry Face Coverings with them at all times, and wear them in all circumstances required by the Health Officer's Order No. C19-14, including specifically if or when unable to maintain a six-foot distance from others (such as when passing on a trail);
  - iii. Not use any facilities or equipment that are closed; and
  - iv. Not engage in sports or other activities that involve the use of shared equipment with individuals or groups outside of the person's household.
- vi. Consistent with the Governor's Guidance on outdoor recreation (<https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#outdoor>), the use of

shared facilities for some recreational activities outside of residences, including, but not limited to, golf courses and golf driving ranges, tennis, bocce and pickle ball courts, water sports, sports fields, climbing walls, shooting and archery ranges, disc golf, basketball courts, and boat launches, shall be closed unless, on a Park by Park basis, the Park owner determines that the particular facility can safely be operated consistent with social distancing and hygiene requirements of Order No. C19-14 and this Appendix. If any such facilities are open, they may only be used by individuals alone or in a group comprised solely of individuals from the same household, except as otherwise expressly provided allowed by Order No. C19-14 and the related Appendices.

- f. In order to relieve the pressure on inland Parks, and to provide for greater opportunities for the community to participate in safe outdoor recreational activities, all Coastal Zone Parks may also be reopened at this time, subject to the provisions and limitations in this Appendix, as well as the Health Officer's Order No. C19-14, and all other applicable State and County Orders relating to the pandemic.
- g. All restrictions in this Appendix as they relate to access shall be subject to reasonable accommodation to provide for disabled access.
- h. Recreational fishing is permissible only if:
  - a. It is in a Park that is open and permits recreational fishing;
  - b. Includes only members of the same household;
  - c. Is conducted in compliance with the social distancing and hygiene requirements of Order No. C19-14 and its Appendices; and
  - d. All other licensing or other applicable regulatory requirements are met.
- i. Community Gardens can be operated as agricultural operations providing food for participants, but only if they are operated in compliance with the following additional social-distancing and hygiene protocols:
  - a. They may be operated only for the purpose of food growth/production;
  - b. Soap and running water will be available;
  - c. There can be no more than one person in a garden at a time, unless it is sufficiently large to accommodate more than one person while maintaining at least six feet of distance at all times;
  - d. All garden entry and use shall be subject to the health and exposure self-assessment limitations set out in section "e.iii" and "e.iv" above;
  - e. Masks must be worn in order to allow more than one person at a time in a garden, in addition to maintaining the six feet of distance between gardeners;
  - f. Gardeners are strongly encouraged to bring their own tools;

- g. All tools used will be cleaned with a CDC recommended disinfectant after each use and will not be shared throughout the day;
  - h. Gardeners must use their own gloves;
  - i. Signage will be displayed at all entrances to the garden with these rules; and
  - j. Benches and other communal spaces will be marked as off-limits for the duration of this Order.
- j. Each and all Park owners are free to decide whether to re-open their Parks under the limited authority provided for in this Appendix. If a Park is re-opened, however, the Park owner/manager shall adopt Social Distancing Protocols consistent with Order No. C19-14 and this Appendix, and shall post them, along with this Order, prominently in all locations most likely to be seen by visitors.
- k. Outdoor recreation and sports activity business, recreational equipment businesses, and guided or chaperoned recreational activities are all governed by Section 17.b. of the Shelter in Place Order, in coordination with the terms of this Appendix regarding Park Facilities and Use. To the extent any inconsistencies, or apparent inconsistencies, arise, the stricter of the two shall control, in favor of protection of the public health and safety.
- l. Child care, summer camp programs, and other educational or recreational activities are all governed by Section 17.b.iii. of Order No. C19-14, in coordination with the terms of this Appendix regarding Park Facilities and Use. To the extent any inconsistencies, or apparent inconsistencies, arise, the stricter of the two shall control, in favor of protection of the public health and safety.
- m. Interpretation of this Appendix should take into consideration that the intent is to allow brief respite from our homes for limited periods. Longer and more frequent outings inherently come with greater risk of virus transmission.
- n. Vulnerable populations should use particular discretion and best judgment, in traveling to places where they may be in contact with others. Engaging in the outdoor activities allowed under this Order should be undertaken with extra caution, or perhaps avoided altogether, to minimize risks associated with contracting COVID-19. Vulnerable populations include people that are 65 or older, have high-risk conditions such as chronic lung disease or other respiratory ailments, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised, or are severely obese.
- o. In the event of crowding, widespread non-compliance with the limitations of Order C19-14 or this Appendix, or other evidence of activities presenting an unacceptable risk of spread of COVID-19 through Park use, any or all Parks may be closed again in their entirety or on a case-by-case-basis by the Health Officer, or by the individual Park owner, including but not limited to County Parks as determined by the Director of Regional Parks, as needed.
- p. Further revisions to this Order may be made, as necessary to maintain public health, consistency with the Governor's Guidance and Orders, and/or as otherwise needed to

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implement additional safety guidance or provide for additional recreational activities as approved by the Health Officer.

- q. Additional information about this Appendix can be found at:  
<https://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Visit/Covid-19-Parks-Frequently-Asked-Questions/>.



## Appendix E

### **INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA REGARDING REQUIRED BEST PRACTICES FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITY BUSINESSES**

This industry-specific guidance is being issued pursuant to the June 5, 2020 Order of the Health Officer C19-14 (the “Shelter in Place Order”) and unless otherwise defined below, initially capitalized terms used in this guidance have the same meaning given them in that order. This guidance goes into effect immediately upon issuance.

This guidance remains in effect until suspended, superseded, or amended by the Health Officer, is supported by the justifications set forth in the Shelter in Place Order, and automatically incorporates any revisions to that order or other future orders issued by the Health Officer that supersede that order or reference this guidance. All businesses addressed herein and allowed to operate under the Shelter in Place Order are required to follow this industry-specific guidance and implement all Best Practices detailed below.

This guidance and its enumerated Best Practices may be revised by the Health Officer, through revision of this guidance or another future order, as conditions relating to COVID-19 require, in the discretion of the Health Officer. Each business identified herein must stay updated regarding any changes to the Shelter in Place Order, and local and state sector specific guidance by applicable to it by checking the website listed in Section 18 of the Shelter in Place Order.

#### **UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:**

This guidance applies to all owners, operators, managers, or supervisors of any business that Shelter in Place Order allowed to be open to the public in the County of Sonoma (the “County”) and that consist of any of the following:

1. An Outdoor Business otherwise entitled to operate under the Shelter in Place Order, and which previously operated predominately outside and provides its customers with recreational activities, opportunities and/or instruction occurring exclusively outside (and “Outdoor Recreation Activity Business”)
2. Each Outdoor Recreation Activity Business must prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol, attached as Appendix A to the Order, and any other industry or activity specific guidance issued by the Health Officer.
3. Depending on the nature of the business covered by this guidance, there may be certain people associated with the business that are subject to this guidance. Collectively those people are referred to by this guidance and the Best Practices as “Personnel”, and those people include all of the following who provide goods or services associated with the business in the County: employees; contractors and sub-contractors (such as those who

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sell goods or perform services onsite or who deliver goods for the business); independent contractors (such as “gig workers” who perform work via the business’ app or other online interface); vendors who are permitted to sell goods onsite (such as farmers or others who sell at stalls in farmers’ markets); volunteers; and other individuals who regularly provide services onsite at the request of the business. This guidance requires the business to ensure that Personnel who perform work associated with the business are addressed by the Social Distancing Protocol and comply with those requirements.

4. Implementation of this guidance augments—but does not limit—the obligations of each recreational equipment rental business under all other existing Health Officer Orders, including, but not limited to, the Face Coverings Requirements and the obligation to prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol, attached as Appendix A to the Order, and any other industry or activity specific guidance issued by the Health Officer.
5. Best Practices for Outdoor Recreation Activity Businesses:
  - Ensure all Personnel and clients comply with the Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements detailed in the Shelter in Place Order.
  - Conduct all business and transactions involving members of the public in outdoor spaces in accordance with the requirements for Outdoor Businesses detailed in the Shelter in Place Order.
  - Any indoor facilities related to Outdoor Recreation Activity Business must be closed to the public.
  - Businesses offering classes or guided tours must track names and contact information for all activities and roll must be taken at each class or activity to enable potential tracking of transmission.
  - Groups must be limited to a maximum of 10 individuals per group, not including any instructors or other Personnel. Youth under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
  - No direct physical contact. No tournaments, competitions or other sporting events. No live audience activities. Recreational campgrounds remain closed.
  - Participants will be encouraged to provide their own equipment to the greatest extent possible. Any rental or business-provided equipment will be sanitized after each use and follow Industry-Specific Guidance of the Health Officer for Recreational Equipment Rental Businesses.
  - Equipment issued to a client will only be used by that client. Equipment will not be shared during a rental or activity.
  - Clients should be encouraged to provide their own transportation to and from the activity site. Transit options provided by an Outdoor Recreation Activity Business shall comply Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements, Face Coverings Requirements, as well as relevant guidance for Public Transit and Intercity Passenger Rail (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-transit-rail.pdf>).
  - No congregating will be allowed before or after class.
  - Clients will provide or purchase their own water bottles, sunscreen and personal food.
  - Whenever possible, businesses should use markers to designate spots for each participant, and throughout class remind participants to stay in their marked area.

- Personnel shall screen all participants for symptoms before beginning any outdoor activity. The individual conducting the screening will avoid close contact with participants. Both screener and participant will wear Face Coverings during screening and throughout the remainder of activity as required by the Face Coverings Requirements of the Shelter in Place Order C19-14.
6. This guidance is issued in furtherance of the purposes of the Shelter in Place Order. Where a conflict exists between this guidance and any state, local, or federal public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including, without limitation, the Social Distancing Protocol, the most restrictive provision controls. Failure to carry out this guidance is a violation of the Shelter in Place Order, constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

## Appendix F

### **INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA REGARDING REQUIRED BEST PRACTICES FOR OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT RENTAL BUSINESSES**

This industry-specific guidance is being issued pursuant to the June 5, 2020 Order of the Health Officer C19-14 (the “Shelter in Place Order”) and unless otherwise defined below, initially capitalized terms used in this guidance have the same meaning given them in that order. This guidance goes into effect immediately upon issuance.

This guidance remains in effect until suspended, superseded, or amended by the Health Officer, is supported by the justifications set forth in the Shelter in Place Order, and automatically incorporates any revisions to that order or other future orders issued by the Health Officer that supersede that order or reference this guidance. All businesses addressed herein and allowed to operate under the Shelter in Place Order are required to follow this industry-specific guidance and implement all Best Practices detailed below.

This guidance and its enumerated Best Practices may be revised by the Health Officer, through revision of this guidance or another future order, as conditions relating to COVID-19 require, in the discretion of the Health Officer. Each business identified herein must stay updated regarding any changes to the Shelter in Place Order, and local and state sector specific guidance by applicable to it by checking the website listed in Section 18 of the Shelter in Place Order.

#### **UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. This guidance applies to all owners, operators, managers, or supervisors of any business that Shelter in Place Order allowed to be open to the public in the County of Sonoma (the “County”) and that consist of any of the following:
  - a recreational equipment rental business that operated prior to March 17, 2020 and where there is the ability to fully maintain social distancing of at least six feet between all persons (a “Recreational Equipment Rental Business”)
2. Each Recreational Equipment Rental Business must prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol, attached as Appendix A to the Order, and any other industry or activity specific guidance issued by the Health Officer.
3. Depending on the nature of the business covered by this guidance, there may be certain people associated with the business that are subject to this guidance. Collectively those people are referred to by this guidance and the Best Practices as “Personnel”, and those people include all of the following who provide goods or services associated with the business in the County: employees; contractors and sub-contractors (such as those who sell goods or perform services onsite or who deliver goods for the business); independent

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contractors (such as “gig workers” who perform work via the business’ app or other online interface); vendors who are permitted to sell goods onsite (such as farmers or others who sell at stalls in farmers’ markets); volunteers; and other individuals who regularly provide services onsite at the request of the business. This guidance requires the business to ensure that Personnel who perform work associated with the business are addressed by the Social Distancing Protocol and comply with those requirements.

4. Implementation of this guidance augments—but does not limit—the obligations of each Recreational Equipment Rental Business under all other existing Health Officer Orders, including, but not limited to, the Face Coverings Requirements and the obligation to must prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol, attached as Appendix A to the Order, and any other industry or activity specific guidance issued by the Health Officer.
5. Best Practices for Recreational Equipment Rental Business:
  - Ensure all Personnel and guests comply with the Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements detailed in the Shelter in Place Order.
  - Conduct all business and transactions involving members of the public in outdoor spaces in accordance with the requirements for Outdoor Businesses detailed in the Shelter in Place Order.
  - Any primarily indoor facilities on or within recreational rental business must remain closed as required under Shelter in Place Order.
  - Equipment must be rented to individuals only, unless all individuals within the group are part of a single family or household unit.
  - All equipment will be sanitized after each use per EPA Guidance.
  - Equipment issued to a client will only be used by that client. Equipment will not be shared during a rental or activity.
  - No direct physical contact. No tournaments, competitions or other sporting events. No live audience activities. Recreational campgrounds remain closed.
  - Clients should be encouraged to provide their own transportation to and from the activity site. Transit options provided by an Outdoor Recreation Activity Business shall comply Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements, Face Coverings Requirements, as well as relevant guidance for Public Transit and Intercity Passenger Rail (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-transit-rail.pdf>).
  - Clients will provide or purchase their own water bottles, sunscreen, insect repellent and personal food.
  - Guided trips will follow the Industry-Specific Guidance of the Health Officer for Outdoor Recreation Activity Businesses.
6. This guidance is issued in furtherance of the purposes of the Shelter in Place Order. Where a conflict exists between this guidance and any state, local, or federal public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including, without limitation, the Social Distancing Protocol, the most restrictive provision controls. Failure to carry out this guidance is a violation of the Shelter in Place Order, constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.