



AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY

THE RECORD OF ACTION FOR
AUGUST 13, 2020

Supervisor Candace Andersen, Chair
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

Present: Chair Candace Andersen
Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

Staff Present: Dr. Ori Tzvieli, Deputy County Health Officer
Julie DiMaggio Enea, Senior Deputy County Administrator

1. Introductions

Chair Andersen called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., introduced the Committee, provided a brief summary of the meeting format, and introduced Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Ori Tzvieli, who would provide a status update and respond to questions received since the last meeting.

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

All public comment was taken under Agenda Item #4.

3. RECEIVE update on most recent COVID-19 developments and on questions recently received from community members.

Dr. Tzvieli provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. He said California's current COVID status is muddled because about 300,000 lab tests didn't make it over to the State lab and a few thousand of those were from Contra Costa County. The State identified this problem last week and we are still catching up, having to manually enter a lot of data. There may be still more cases in limbo, especially related to issues with Kaiser Permanente lab tests. In combination, the case count and positivity rate, while not perfect, at least give us a sense of the trend. Death and hospitalization counts are correct; they peaked in July and are showing a very small decline in August. The situation should become much clearer next week, when we expect to have much of these data issues resolved.

He said the County, not the State, is leading the effort on contract tracing in our county. The State has provided about 30 tracers and the County is training them. We have about 200 people doing that work on individual cases, long-term care facilities (LTCFs), and employers. We have been able to reach out to active cases in less than

10 days since a positive test result but are frustrated by slow lab test turnaround time. The County is working very hard to improve this and will be contracting with new labs that promise 24-48 hours turnaround time. Everyone understands the importance of turnaround time.

The tracing cohort is fully staffed, and the County is not actively recruiting for contact tracers. Tracing starts with a positive test result; that person identifies who their contacts are and then tracers work to contact those individuals. The County also coordinates with community clinics.

The County will likely not consider approving elementary school waivers until the COVID case and positivity rates are stable or declining for two weeks; there is too much transmission going on to open schools now. If we reopen schools prematurely, hundreds and even thousands can contract the virus. We will have the application process ready for the time when waivers will be accepted. The State is only allowing (TK) Transitional Kindergarten to 6th grade to open because older kids can transmit the virus more easily than younger kids.

Outdoor business will likely be some of the first to be reopened when the data supports it. They are considered the least risk.

4. DISCUSS the July 7th and 11th, and August 5th updated Health Orders and any subsequent updates to the timeline for future resumption of business and community activities.

Chair Andersen then invited public comment, which is summarized below:

- Shawna Garvin believes the County's actions in response to the pandemic are tantamount to child abuse in the form of neglect. She stated that the data doesn't support the County's restrictions on schooling, and children's sports and social events.*
- Tina Sherwin, clinical lab scientist, asked for more accurate COVID data. She asked that new cases and deaths be reported as of the date of the test and date of death rather than the date those events are reported to the County. She observed that the test results are moot since the test result turnaround time exceeds the length of the quarantine period. She asked when the County could begin reporting hospitalizations by age group and city just as deaths and cases are currently reported.*
- Erika Coday asked if two families use a Homeowners' Association pool at the same time with one adult as monitor. She also asked if a pool monitor is required if one household is on a pool deck.*
- The Angstenberger Family asked why neighboring counties have already accepted school waiver requests. They asked if we can break the county down by region so that a region with stable or declining cases can be considered for school waivers.*
- Barbara Csider observed that for five months, Contra Costans have been under strictest rules in the State. She asked: do we any timeline from the state on reopening; why are we not pushing back on the State; what is the County is doing to mitigate outbreaks in LTCFs, whose numbers significantly drive policy decisions for all other activities within the county. She asked why small private*

elementary schools are being denied waivers. She asked how many occupied ICU beds are strictly COVID related.

- Jacqueline Halm asked to see the number of negative tests published along with the number of positive tests and deaths. She said that no statistics have been given for regular flu. She described the heightened challenges of teaching students who have disabilities, and her feelings hopelessness and frustration. She is concerned about health/wellbeing of all students but particularly disabled students.*
- Dane's iPad asked about HCQ) and Remdesivir for treatment of COVID-19. Dr. Tzvieli responded that Remdesivir was approved in late July but HCQ has not been approved or proven effective.*
- Ellen Mossman discussed the potential benefits of rapid turnaround testing. She said they are fast, cheap, can be done daily, and would be a game changer. She said they are not yet approved but people are pushing the regulatory agencies to move forward. She asked if the County is looking into this.*
- Jen Juroff asked to adjust data reporting to reflect the date of death. She said that active cases and death rates are below 0.1%, and so wondered why the County continues to spread what she considers to be inflammatory data and maintain such restrictive health orders since most of the population are not at high risk.*
- ToniH asked if people are being counted for multiple positive cases, and how false positive tests are being counted. She stated that death statistics should be verified/corrected ex post facto by autopsy results. She said that SIP (shelter in place) started at three weeks but has turned into a 150+ day lockdown, and it's time to open our economy and continue SIP for only those most at risk.*
- Unlimited (Mark), Danville business owner, said that Contra Costa COVID-19 deaths are at 149, less than 0.5%, not accounting for seasonal flu victims. In his opinion, Contra Costa leaders have decimated the county for no reason. He vowed to track this and report it on social media for accountability of elected officials. He characterized COVID-9 as a fake Chinese virus decimating families, business and community with no pushback from leadership and complained about the negative effect of 8,000 parents now unemployed and out of business.*
- Beth Barron also expressed interest in rapid response daily testing and encouraged everyone to advocate for it, as it seems a good way to squash the pandemic, open the economy sooner, and bridge the divide between people who are advocating for each. She offered information about avenues to advocate for rapid testing.*
- Lucy Burkmeister asked why preschools, daycares, shadow schools and distance learning support schools are permitted in to operate in person, but small private schools are not permitted to seek a waiver at this time.*
- Jerry L commented about a lack of consistency in policy. He said our numbers are relatively good yet we're stricter than every other county. He asked which the County is more concerned about: deaths or sickness. He also commented about the rationale for the administrative penalties for violating the mask order.*
- Concerned Citizen (Lydia) was concerned about the 18,000 prisoners to be released and their impact on community health and safety, which the County is supposed to be safeguarding. She asked if the County is pushing back on this at all and, if not, then why not.*

- *Call in User 1 (ToniR) asked why the whole county is being shut down when most deaths have occurred in rest homes. Rest homes have been shut down for months. She asked how does the Health Officer reconcile that so many in the community are ill when rest homes are shut down? She claimed that the community is being held hostage by rest home deaths. She asked under what authority do County officials get to decide whether to submit school waivers.*

Dr. Tzvieli acknowledged that people feel the county has been shut down too long and that the impacts are striking. He appreciates that perspective and people's fears about the virus. He recognized that there are strong feelings and voices for both perspectives.

He agreed that Dashboard data should reflect tests as of the date taken vs. when the results were reported to the County. He will investigate the capacity for reporting deaths by date of death and noted that, generally, deaths are reported to the County close to the actual date of death. He will also investigate the capacity for reporting hospitalizations by age group and adding an "Unknown" category. He cautioned that we are making many data demands on our hospitals, who are always so busy and overwhelmed. He said that people who are aged 50+ will dominate the hospital death numbers. He said that the number of negative tests can be derived by subtracting the positive tests from the total tests, both of which are reported on the County's COVID dashboard.

He clarified that two separate households may be able to use a HOA pool simultaneously depending on the size of the pool. Chair Andersen advised that two households can use the pool simultaneously if they are complying with health order (six feet apart) under the supervision of an adult pool monitor, which can be one of the household members.

Dr. Tzvieli explained that we must get a comfort level that our data is accurate before we can make the finding of stability or a decline in cases that would make school waivers possible. He said that schools are a high priority and will be reopened as soon as it is deemed safe.

He explained that the county remains on the State watchlist until the State does a reevaluation, which is expected next week. LTCFs account for close to two-thirds of COVID deaths in the county. He said we are doing extensive education with 44 LTCFs right now. Three zones get established: negative, positive and at-risk, with different recommended staffing and PPE guidelines for each zone.

He did not have a breakdown of ICU numbers, but Chair Andersen provided a link to a State website that breaks down ICU availability and COVID patients statewide and county by county. Contra Costa County's hospital and ICU capacity is currently adequate.

He advised that Remdesivir is currently the only proven treatment for COVID-19. He explained that the County receives an allotment of that drug based on county size and number of cases. It is reserved in this county for people who are the sickest. He reiterated that studies so far on HCQ have not proven any benefit for treatment of COVID 19 and has not received FDA approval.

He said he is a fan of rapid turnaround testing, described it as the “holy grail” of testing solutions and said the County is looking into it. He said as an antigen test, which identifies proteins secreted by the virus, it is most effective during the first five days of symptoms and so is not recommended for the asymptomatic. It is not widely available yet, less accurate, but good enough to be useful for the early symptomatic. He says it will likely be part of the future County strategy.

With regard to countywide restrictions of even lower-risk populations, he explained that the County is restricting even lower risk people because we are all interconnected and there is no way to isolate the elderly completely. When we have more COVID in the community, it transmits to older people. He said that 3/1,000 who get the virus will die, so the more cases we have, the more deaths we will have. So we are concerned about both deaths and sickness. We know we cannot stop the virus, so our goals are to mitigate transmission and slow it down to provide more time for a vaccine and treatments to be developed. Different countries have taken different approaches and the results were not always positive, Sweden as an example. Many opinions are valid.

Dr. Tzvieli said he is concerned about the health of the community during prison releases, which is why prisoners must enter 14 days of quarantine, either at home or in hotels, before they re-enter the community. Chair Andersen interjected that, in terms of public safety from the law enforcement standpoint, the State not County determines which prisoners will be released. The County Probation Department will supervise some of those who have been released. We have accepted none of these prisoners so far in County jails or hospitals. Thanks to our Sheriff and Health Dept., we have had no outbreaks in our jails. The County released people early on for safety reasons, but our Sheriff was very careful to make risk assessments to determine who could be released and to keep violent offenders incarcerated. Local law enforcement knows who is being released and will exercise due diligence.

He clarified that COVID death data has not included regular flu deaths. Flu season is coming up and COVID safety and hygiene practices will likely mitigate some of the regular flu. A planned surveillance project will test for both seasonal flu and COVID; he recommended that everyone get a regular flu shot.

Multiple positive test results for the same person are de-duplicated in data reporting and only counted once. He recommends not to test for at least three months after testing positive. Science isn’t clear yet about whether a person can get COVID more than once.

Chair Andersen asked Dr. Tzvieli what the future vision is for the county. She said through the twists and turns of this virus, we have relied on science and data to inform policy. She said our early actions saved many lives but even now we are experiencing a surge, going from 10 to 110 hospitalizations in just a few months. We had 20 deaths in the last week, 11 of which were older people not from LTCFs but from within the general community.

She acknowledged that schooling during the pandemic is far from a perfect situation, but the County’s goal is to keep children and families safe and open back up as soon

as it is safe.

Dr. Tzvieli said that what would indicate a safe enough environment for schools to obtain waivers are a stable or decreasing case count, decreased hospitalization, and getting removed from the State watch list. He foresees the reopening of outdoor businesses. He is hoping for a vaccine in fall/winter and for better treatments to pan out. He foresees faster turnaround time on testing, so that tracing will be more effective. He said that to the extent the community can endorse compliance, we'll open that much sooner.

Chair Andersen encouraged voting by mail in the November election, but noted that some polling places will be available.

She also discussed enforcement of the mask order and the role of the DA and law enforcement in that enforcement. The focus will be on education rather than penalization. We can operate businesses more safely if everyone observes the COVID prevention rules.

Vice Chair Mitchoff appreciates the challenges of parents with schoolchildren but cited examples of school outbreaks. Science is demonstrating that masking helps to reduce transmission. Dr. Tzvieli added that children over 10 can transmit the virus just as an adult. While they get milder illness and few die, they are yet part of the transmission cycle.

He concluded by summarizing the quarantine orders for people who have tested positive, been in contact with someone who tested positive or have symptoms.

5. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the July 30, 2020 meeting.

The Committee approved the Record of Action for the July 30, 2020 meeting as presented.

AYE: Chair Candace Andersen, Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff
Passed

6. The next meeting is currently scheduled for August 27, 2020.

Chair Andersen announced that the next meeting has been rescheduled to September 3, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

7. Adjourn

Chair Andersen adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.



Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY

Meeting Date: 08/13/2020
Subject: COVID 19 UPDATES
Submitted For: Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Department: Board of Supervisors District II
Referral No.:
Referral Name:
Presenter: **Contact:**

Referral History:

Referral Update:

Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Ori Tzvieli will be at today's meeting.

As part of Dr. Tzvieli's introductory remarks, he will address questions received by the offices of the Committee members and elaborate on anything else important for the community to know.

Following Dr. Tzvieli's remarks, we will allow for Public Comment and additional questions specific to the current Health Order, attached, other guidance documents, also attached, and Timeline.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE update on most recent COVID-19 developments and on questions recently received from community members.

Attachments

Questions for the Health Officer from the Committee Member Offices 8-13-2020

Updated Health Order on Mass Isolation 8-5-2020

Instructions: Home Quarantine and Health Monitoring 7-10-2020

Instructions: Self-Isolation and Health Monitoring 7-24-2020

Instructions: Waiting for Test Results 7-13-2020

Openings at a Glance 7-30-2020

CA County Variance Info 7-13-2020

County Health Order Update 7-11-2020

CA Dept of Public Health - Elementary School Waiver Process

County Advisory on Schools and Child Care

Minutes Attachments

No file(s) attached.

Questions for Dr. Tzvieli for 8/13/20 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Who is leading contact tracing efforts in our area, the State or the County?

Are we at our target yet for tracers?

Is the county still looking for volunteers for contact tracing?

How many people are actually “traced” to their contacts?

Is the data issue with the State resolved yet? When will all of our County data all be updated and accurate?

If elementary schools can meet all of the State and local requirements to reopen, why can't they apply for waivers now?

Why can't we allow outdoor personal services/nail salons like the State does? Even though our County had not yet opened them, the risk seems low and it continues to hurt these businesses.



ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

No. HO-COVID19-25

UPDATED MASS ISOLATION ORDER

DATE OF ORDER: August 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 Saf. Code, § 120295.)

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER

California is in a State of Emergency because of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The spread of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 is a substantial danger to the health of the public within the County of Contra Costa ("County"). COVID-19 can easily spread between people who are in close contact with one another. This Order is issued based on scientific evidence and best practices as currently known and available to protect vulnerable members of the public from avoidable risk of serious illness or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19. The age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the County place it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. There is growing evidence of transmission risk from infected persons before the onset of symptoms. Thus, all individuals who contract COVID-19, regardless of their level of symptoms (none, mild or severe), may place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk. Currently, there is no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19 and no specific treatment.

To help slow COVID-19's spread, protect vulnerable individuals, and prevent the healthcare system in the County from being overwhelmed, it is necessary for the Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa to isolate persons with COVID-19.



This Order supersedes the May 13, 2020, Order of the Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa, No. HO-COVID19-04, directing persons diagnosed with COVID-19 to isolate themselves and inform their close contacts to quarantine themselves. This Order increases the period of isolation and updates the description of close contacts to include all persons who have been within six feet of the person diagnosed with COVID-19 during the infectious period as defined.

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

1. All individuals who have COVID-19, as described in Section 2 of this Order, must isolate themselves and follow all instructions in this Order and the Public Health guidance documents referenced in this Order. Self-isolation is required because a person with COVID-19 can easily spread the virus to others. Isolation separates these ill individuals from others to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
2. For purposes of this Order, an individual is considered to have COVID-19 if the individual was diagnosed with COVID-19 on the basis of a positive lab test for the presence of the coronavirus (known as SARS-CoV-2) that causes COVID-19 and is infectious, as described in Section 3.c. below.
3. Instructions. All individuals who are diagnosed with COVID-19 must immediately take the following actions:
 - a. Isolate themselves in their home or another residence. They may not leave their place of isolation or enter any other public or private place, except to receive necessary medical care or during an emergency that requires evacuation to protect the health and safety of the person.
 - b. Carefully review and closely follow all requirements listed in the “Self-Isolation Instructions for Confirmed Cases” posted at <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/for-covid-19-patients> and attached to this order.
 - c. Tell their close contacts that they need to quarantine themselves. Close contacts who should be notified to self-quarantine are people who were near them during their infectious period, as further described below. The infectious period commences 48 hours before symptoms began (or, in the absence of symptoms, 48 hours before the date of administration of a positive test) and ends when the isolation period is over (see Section 4 below). Close contacts of an individual who has COVID-19 are persons who, during the individual’s infectious period, were within six feet of the individual for 15 minutes or longer. These may include persons who:
 - Live in, have visited, or have stayed overnight at the individual’s residence; or
 - Are intimate sexual partners of the individual; or



- Worked within six feet of the individual; or
- Provide or provided care to the individual without wearing a mask, a face shield or goggles, gown, and gloves; or
- Have been identified as close contacts by the Contra Costa County Health Services Department.

d. Refer their close contacts to the “Home Quarantine Instructions For Close Contacts” posted at <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/for-covid-19-patients> and attached to this order, which describe steps that household contacts, intimate partners, and caregivers must take to prevent spread of COVID-19. Close contacts have likely been exposed to COVID-19 and if infected, can easily spread COVID-19 to others, even if they have only mild symptoms.

4. The period of isolation for an individual will be one of the following:

a. Individuals without symptoms must isolate for 10 days from the date of a positive test.

b. Individuals with symptoms must isolate until:

- At least 24 hours have passed since recovery, defined as resolution of both fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement of cough, shortness of breath, and other symptoms if present AND
- At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms started.

c. Individuals with symptoms and was hospitalized in the intensive care unit must isolate until:

- At least 24 hours have passed since recovery, defined as resolution of both fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement of cough, shortness of breath, and other symptoms if present AND
- At least 20 days have passed since their symptoms started.

5. The Health Officer may take additional action(s), which may include civil detention or requiring one to stay at a health facility or other location, to protect the public’s health if an individual who is subject to this Order violates or fails to comply with this Order.

6. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on August 5, 2020, and will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.



7. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the Office of the Director of Contra Costa Health Services, 1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 200, Martinez, CA 94553; (2) posted on the Contra Costa Health Services website (<https://www.cchealth.org>); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy.

8. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then 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.

9. Questions or comments regarding this Order may be directed to Contra Costa Health Services at (844) 729-8410.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Chris Farnitano, M.D.
Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa

Dated: August 5, 2020

Attachments:

Appendix A: "Home Quarantine Instructions"

Appendix B: "Home Isolation Instructions"





FOR CLOSE CONTACTS/HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Instructions for Home Quarantine & Health Monitoring

Even though you may not feel sick, you must remain quarantined at home since you've had close contact with someone with known COVID-19 (also known as novel coronavirus). Quarantine is a way to prevent the spread of the virus to more people. You will need to stay home and monitor yourself for any signs of illness.

During your quarantine period, please follow the instructions below:

1. Stay in your home.
2. Do not go to work or school.
3. Do not go to the grocery store or run other essential errands (e.g. going to the pharmacy) unless it is absolutely necessary. Please plan to use family members or friends for your essential errands.
4. Do not have visitors for the duration of the quarantine period.
5. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, especially after coughing, sneezing, blowing your nose, going to the bathroom, or having direct contact with moist materials such as tissue, pampers, and used masks. Hand sanitizer with greater than 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol as active ingredients can also be used instead of soap and water if the hands are not visibly dirty.
6. Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when you sneeze or cough. Put tissues in the garbage and wash your hands immediately with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
7. Do not share toothbrushes, drinks or eating utensils.

Monitor your health:

- Monitor yourself for symptoms. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath.
- If you start to feel sick, please contact your healthcare provider and let them know you have had contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. If you have mild symptoms, your healthcare provider will most likely advise you to take care of yourself at home as you would with any other mild cold or flu.

When does quarantine end?

- If you do not live with someone who has COVID-19, your quarantine will end after 14 days from last exposure to the known COVID-19 positive individual.
- If you live with someone who has COVID-19, you will need to be quarantined for 14 days after your household member no longer needs to be isolated.

If you have any concerns or questions, please call the Public Health COVID Response line during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM) at **925-313-6740** or email us at CoCohelp@cchealth.org. You can also find more information online at

cchealth.org/coronavirus.





Instructions for Self-Isolation & Health Monitoring

You have tested positive for COVID-19 (also known as novel coronavirus). You will need to stay in your home until you are well. This is called self-isolation. Deciding when you are well and able to leave your home depends on your symptoms.

If you have mild symptoms, stay at home for at least 10 days after your symptoms began.

- If you still have cough and fever after 10 days, continue to stay at home until 24 hours after:
 - the fever has gone away (without using a fever-reducing medication like Tylenol or ibuprofen) **AND**
 - your symptoms such as cough, body aches, sore throat, have improved.

After this time, you will no longer need to be isolated.

If you tested positive, but **did not have any symptoms at the time of testing:**

- You should remain in isolation for 10 days from the **date the test was performed**.
 - During this time, you should also monitor yourself for symptoms. If any symptoms develop during this time, you should remain in isolation as noted above.

If you **stayed in the hospital in the intensive care unit because of your COVID-19 symptoms:**

- You will need to be in isolation for at least 20 days after your symptoms began with improving symptoms for at least 24 hours. If you left the hospital and it has not been at least 20 days, you will need to remain at home (in self-isolation) for 20 days after your symptoms began.
- If you still have cough and fever after 20 days, continue to stay home until 24 hours after:
 - the fever has gone away (without using a fever-reducing medication like Tylenol or ibuprofen) **AND**
 - your symptoms, such as cough, body aches, sore throat, have improved.

After this time, you will no longer need to be isolated.





The following are some preventative steps you can take to help reduce the spread of COVID19 in your community and household.

Protect the Public:

- Stay home except to see your doctor. Reschedule any non-essential healthcare appointments (non-urgent doctor appointments, dentist appointments, etc.).
- Do not go to work or school.
- Do not use public transportation (bus, BART, airplane, taxi, UBER, LYFT).
- Do not travel.
- Do not go to the movies, to church, to a shopping mall or any place where lots of people may gather.
- You can go outside in your own yard (not a shared yard).

Protect your Family:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes, use tissues and throw them away immediately.
- You and your family should wash hands frequently using soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with greater than 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol as active ingredients.
- Separate yourself from other people in your home as much as possible.
- Stay in a specific room away from other people and use a separate bathroom if possible.
- Avoid sharing personal household items such as drinking glasses, dishes, eating utensils, towels and bedding. These items are safe for others to use after regular washing.
- Increase your cleaning routine, specifically in areas that need to be shared such as a bathroom or kitchen. Clean doorknobs, phones, keyboards, tablets, bedside tables, toilets, bathroom and kitchen fixtures.

Protect Vulnerable Members in Your Community:

- If you have a close contact or someone in your household who spends a lot of time or works in a skilled nursing facility, a nursing home, a memory care center, a correctional/detention facility, a shelter, a group home, a day program, a dialysis center, or a healthcare facility/as a first responder, please let us know or have them contact us by calling Contra Costa Public Health at 925-313-6740 or emailing us at CoCohelp@cchealth.org.
- Have your close contacts or household contacts monitor their symptoms and remain at home until 14 days after you no longer need to be isolated.





FOR PEOPLE WITH COVID-19

- If someone in your family becomes sick, have them contact their healthcare provider and tell him/her that your family member has been in contact with someone with COVID-19.

Monitor Your Health:

- **Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening. For example, if you start to have trouble breathing.**
- If you need to call 911, notify the dispatch personnel that you have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Before seeking care call your medical provider and inform them that you have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Put on a facemask before entering any healthcare facility. If you do not have one, send someone into the facility to ask for one and to inform the staff of your arrival.

For questions or concerns you can contact Contra Costa Public Health during normal business hours Monday-Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM at **925-313-6740** or email us at **CoCohelp@cchealth.org**. You can also find more information online at **cchealth.org/coronavirus**.





WAITING FOR COVID-19 RESULTS

If you have completed your COVID-19 test and are awaiting results, please follow the guidance below.

Until you know your results:

- If you are **feeling sick**, you need to stay home and isolate yourself from other household members.
- If you **had close contact** with a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection you need to stay home, even if you are feeling well. This is called quarantine. Please follow *Quarantine Instructions for Close Contacts*.
- If you are **feeling well** and **have not had close contact** with anyone with confirmed COVID-19 you may continue your regular activities within the current Health Officer's guidelines until you receive your results.

When your results come in, please follow the guidance below.

If your results are negative:

- If you are **feeling sick**, you need to remain home until you feel better.
- If you are **feeling well**, but you **have had close contact** with a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection, you need to stay at home on quarantine for 14 days from your last contact with that person. If you develop symptoms during this time, follow up with your provider for possible re-testing. You will also need to remain isolated in your home until you get your results or until you are well as noted below. Please refer to the *Quarantine Instructions for Close Contacts*.

If your results are positive:

Please refer to the *Instructions for Self-Isolation & Health Monitoring*, where you will find guidance on how to protect yourself, your family, and your community.

For more information on how to get testing, home quarantine and isolation please visit: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/> and click tabs Get Tested or About COVID-19.

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Contra Costa County Openings at a Glance

In all cases, social distancing & face coverings are required.
For sector specific guidelines, visit coronavirus.cchealth.org.

Open ✓ Closed ✗

Athletic Fields	✓
Automobile & Bicycle Repair	✓
Campgrounds, RV Parks & Outdoor Recreation Facilities	✓
Car Washes	✓
Childcare Facilities & Day Camps	✓
Construction	✓
Bars, Brewpubs, Breweries, Pubs & Craft Distilleries	✗
Dental Care	✓
Dog Parks	✓
Financial Institutions	✓
Funeral Homes, Mortuaries & Cemeteries	✓
Gas Stations	✓
Golf Courses	✓
Government Services	✓
Grocery & Other Food Stores	✓
Gyms & Fitness Centers	✗
Hair Salons & Barbershops (outdoors only)	✓
Healthcare, Pharmacies & Medical Supply	✓
Higher Education (distance learning only)	✓
Hotels (not for tourism or individual travel)	✓
Indoor Dining	✗
Indoor Museums	✗
Laundromats	✓
Libraries (curbside pickup only)	✓
Indoor Leisure (arcades, billiards, bowling, movie theaters, etc.)	✗
Logistics & Warehousing Facilities	✓
Malls (outdoor pick-up only)	✓
Manufacturing	✓

Nail Salons	✗
Nonessential Healing Arts	✗
Offices for Critical Infrastructure Sectors	✓
Offices for Non-Critical Infrastructure Sectors	✗
Outdoor Businesses	✓
Outdoor Museums, Exhibit Spaces & Drive-in Theaters	✓
Outdoor Dining, Take Out & Delivery	✓
Outdoor Swimming Pools	✓
Parks (including picnic & BBQ areas)	✓
Personal Care Services (body waxing, tattoo parlors, permanent makeup, piercings, etc.)	✗
Places of Worship & Cultural Ceremonies (outdoor only)	✓
Playgrounds	✗
Public & Private Transportation Services	✓
Public Events & Gatherings (nightclubs, convention centers, concerts & live audience sports, etc.)	✗
Real Estate	✓
Recreational Team Sports	✗
Residential & Commercial Maintenance Services	✓
Retail Stores & Retail Supply Chain Businesses	✓
K-12 Schools (distance learning only)	✓
Shooting & Archery Ranges	✓
Skate Parks	✓
Small Group Gatherings (outdoors)	✓
Tennis & Pickleball Courts (singles only)	✓
Theme Parks & Festivals	✗
Utilities	✓
Veterinary Care & Groomers	✓
Wineries & Tasting Rooms (outdoor only)	✓



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California is [monitoring COVID-19 closely](#) in each local community and keeping the public informed. We're teaming up with counties to fight it with every tool we have: [current local data](#), testing, contact tracing, infection control, emergency supplies, containment measures, and more.

Counties should be ready to restore limitations if outbreaks increase. The State Public Health Officer may take action if needed.

Effective July 13, 2020, ALL counties must close indoor operations in these sectors:

- Dine-in restaurants
- Wineries and tasting rooms
- Movie theaters
- Family entertainment centers (for example: bowling alleys, miniature golf,

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- Cardrooms

Additionally, bars, brewpubs, breweries, and pubs must close all operations both indoor and outdoor statewide, unless they are offering sit-down, outdoor dine-in meals. Alcohol can only be sold in the same transaction as a meal.

Counties that have remained on the County Monitoring List for 3 consecutive days will be required to shut down the following industries or activities unless they can be modified to operate outside or by pick-up.

- Fitness centers
- Worship services
- Protests
- Offices for non-essential sectors
- Personal care services, like nail salons, body waxing and tattoo parlors
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Malls

The following counties have remained on the County Monitoring List for 3 consecutive days:

Affected counties as of 7/13/20



The State Public Health Officer may take additional action if needed.

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What is allowed to open in my county?

Use the map above to see which category your county falls into. See [guidance for each of the mentioned industries](#).

For attested counties not on Monitoring List



For counties on Monitoring List for 3 consecutive days



For counties without attestations



County attestation process

Local health jurisdictions that meet the criteria set forth by the California Department of Public Health and follow the process in the [county guidance](#) may move further ahead in the [Resilience Roadmap](#).

If a county decides to pursue a variance to move further ahead in the Resilience Roadmap, the local public health officer must:

1. Notify the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).
2. Certify through submission of a written attestation to CDPH that the county has met the readiness criteria (outlined below), including guidance to be issued by the county and detailed plans, and that the county is designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

See the [list of counties](#) that have met the criteria.

The three steps below outline the county data monitoring process.

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ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SOCIAL DISTANCING ORDER TO INCREASE
RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN HIGH-RISK BUSINESSES AND ACTIVITIES IN
RESPONSE TO INCREASING COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS
CAUSING COVID-19, HOSPITALIZATIONS AND ILLNESS, AND INCREASING
SEVEN-DAY AVERAGE COVID-19 TESTING POSITIVITY RATE**

ORDER NO. HO-COVID19-24

DATE OF ORDER: JULY 11, 2020

Summary of the Order

This Order of the County of Contra Costa Health Officer imposes additional restrictions on certain businesses and activities in response to rising rates of infection of persons within Contra Costa County ("County") with the virus that causes Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"). The County is experiencing a significant increase in community transmission and illness from COVID-19. The rate of occurrence of new cases per day has been steadily rising since June 3, 2020. Hospitalization rates have been steadily rising since June 4, 2020. The percentage of test results positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 has been steadily rising since June 20, 2020. As of July 11, 2020, there are 1327 active cases and 77 individuals currently hospitalized with COVID-19 in the County, and the seven-day average test positivity rate is 8.0 percent.

Based on our current understanding of transmission of the COVID-19 virus, local case investigations, and knowledge gained from case investigations and outbreaks across the region and the state, there is a heightened concern about settings where people from multiple households gather. Gatherings where people are together for a prolonged period of time, especially indoors, and settings where people remove their masks to eat and drink, appear to pose the highest risk for transmission at this time. In a scientific brief issued on July 9, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) advises that based on what is currently known, transmission of COVID-19 is primarily occurring when people are in close proximity to each other for prolonged periods of time. While the virus appears to spread primarily through contact and respiratory droplets, WHO reports that airborne transmission may also be occurring, particularly in indoor settings with poor ventilation, via aerosols exhaled by infected persons.

For the above reasons, to slow the spread of COVID-19, this Order modifies a June 16, 2020, Order of the Health Officer ("Social Distancing Order") by increasing restrictions on certain businesses and activities that were previously cleared for operation, because they present a high



risk for disease transmission due to the prolonged contact between persons who come together in these businesses and engage in these activities. The following summarizes these restrictions:

- **Restaurants and other food facilities:** Specific face covering requirements are imposed at establishments that are open for outdoor dining only. Indoor dining remains prohibited under the Social Distancing Order.
- **Providers of religious services and cultural ceremonies:** Indoor religious services and cultural ceremonies are prohibited. Outdoor religious services and cultural ceremonies may be held in accordance with applicable State guidance.
- **Protests:** Indoor protests are prohibited. Outdoor protests may take place in accordance with applicable State guidance.
- **Social Bubble gatherings:** Persons over age 2 are required to wear face coverings except when eating or drinking. Under the Social Distancing Order, all gatherings of Social Bubbles must take place outdoors.

Specific restrictions are set forth in Appendices C-1 and C-2 attached hereto.

The Order also clarifies the categories of construction projects for the purpose of determining the applicability of certain jobsite safety protocols, and eliminates a requirement to have COVID-19 jobsite safety accountability supervisors at large construction project jobsites be from third-parties, as set forth in Appendices B-1 and B-2 attached hereto.

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

1. Amendment No. 1. Page 17 of Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-18 (the “Social Distancing Order”) is hereby amended by deleting the list of attachments and replacing it with the following:

Attachments:

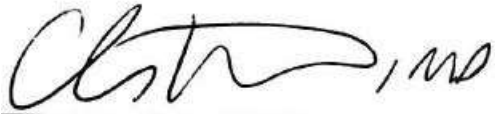
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2. **Amendment No. 2:** Appendices A, B-1, B-2, C-1 and C-2 attached hereto are hereby incorporated into the Social Distancing Order and supersede Appendices A, B-1, B-2, C-1 and C-2 previously attached thereto.

3. **Effective Date and Time:** This order takes effect at 11:59 p.m. on July 12, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



July 11, 2020

Chris Farnitano, M.D.
Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa

Attachments:

Appendix A
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Appendix B-1: Small Construction Project Safety Protocol

1. Any construction project meeting any of the following specifications is subject to this Small Construction Project Safety Protocol (“SCP Protocol”), including public works projects unless otherwise specified by the Health Officer:
 - a. For residential construction projects, any single-family, multi-family, senior, student, or other residential construction, renovation, or remodel project consisting of 10 units or less. This SCP Protocol does not apply to construction projects where a person is performing construction on their current residence either alone or solely with members of their own household.
 - b. For non-residential construction projects, any construction, renovation, or tenant improvement project that (1) consists of 20,000 square feet of building floor area or less and (2) requires fewer than 12 workers at the jobsite at any one time.
 - c. For mixed-use construction projects, any project that includes a residential construction component that meets the specifications in subsection 1.a. and a non-residential construction component that meets the specifications in subsection 1.b.
2. The general contractor or other contractor(s) responsible for construction work in projects subject to this SCP Protocol shall comply with the following restrictions and requirements::
 - a. Comply with all applicable and current laws and regulations including but not limited to OSHA and Cal-OSHA. If there is any conflict, difference, or discrepancy between or among applicable laws and regulations and/or this SCP Protocol, the stricter standard shall apply.
 - b. Designate a site-specific COVID-19 supervisor or supervisors to enforce this guidance. A designated COVID-19 supervisor must be present at the job site at all times during construction activities. A COVID-19 supervisor may be an on-site worker who is designated to serve in this role.
 - c. The COVID-19 supervisor must review this SCP Protocol with all workers and visitors to the construction site.
 - d. Establish a daily screening protocol for arriving staff to ensure that potentially infected staff do not enter the construction site. If workers leave the jobsite and return the same day, establish a cleaning and decontamination protocol prior to entry and exit of the jobsite. Post the daily screening protocol at all entrances and exits to the jobsite. More information on screening can be found online at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>.
 - e. Practice social distancing by maintaining a minimum six-foot distance between workers at all times, except as strictly necessary to carry out a task associated with the construction project.



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- f. Where construction work occurs within an occupied residential unit, separate work areas must be sealed off from the remainder of the unit with physical barriers such as plastic sheeting or closed doors sealed with tape to the extent feasible. If possible, workers must access the work area from an alternative entry/exit door to the entry/exit door used by residents. Available windows and exhaust fans must be used to ventilate the work area. If residents have access to the work area between workdays, the work area must be cleaned and sanitized at the beginning and at the end of workdays. Every effort must be taken to minimize contact between workers and residents, including maintaining a minimum of six feet of social distancing at all times.
- g. Where construction work occurs within common areas of an occupied building in use by on-site employees or residents, separate work areas must be sealed off from the rest of the common areas with physical barriers such as plastic sheeting or closed doors sealed with tape to the extent feasible. If possible, workers must access the work area from an alternative building entry/exit door to the building entry/exit door used by residents or other users of the building. Every effort must be taken to minimize contact between worker and building residents and users, including maintaining a minimum of six feet of social distancing at all times.
- h. Prohibit gatherings of any size on the jobsite, including gatherings for breaks or eating, except for meetings regarding compliance with this protocol or as strictly necessary to carry out a task associated with the construction project.
- i. Cal-OSHA requires employers to provide water, which should be provided in single-serve containers. Sharing of any of any food or beverage is strictly prohibited and if sharing is observed, the worker must be sent home for the day.
- j. Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) specifically for use in construction, including gloves, goggles, face shields, and face coverings as appropriate for the activity being performed. At no time may a contractor secure or use medical-grade PPE unless required due to the medical nature of a jobsite. Face coverings must be worn in compliance with Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-22 or any subsequently issued or amended face covering order.
- k. Strictly control “choke points” and “high-risk areas” where workers are unable to maintain six-foot social distancing and prohibit or limit use to ensure that six-foot distance can easily be maintained between individuals.
- l. Minimize interactions and maintain social distancing with all site visitors, including delivery workers, design professional and other project consultants, government agency representatives, including building and fire inspectors, and residents at residential construction sites.
- m. Stagger trades as necessary to reduce density and allow for easy maintenance of minimum six-foot separation.



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- n. Discourage workers from using others' desks, work tools, and equipment. If more than one worker uses these items, the items must be cleaned and disinfected with disinfectants that are effective against COVID-19 in between use by each new worker. Prohibit sharing of PPE.
- o. If hand washing facilities are not available at the jobsite, place portable wash stations or hand sanitizers that are effective against COVID-19 at entrances to the jobsite and in multiple locations dispersed throughout the jobsite as warranted.
- p. Clean and sanitize any hand washing facilities, portable wash stations, jobsite restroom areas, or other enclosed spaces daily with disinfectants that are effective against COVID-19. Frequently clean and disinfect all high touch areas, including entry and exit areas, high traffic areas, rest rooms, hand washing areas, high touch surfaces, tools, and equipment
- q. Maintain a daily attendance log of all workers and visitors that includes contact information, including name, phone number, address, and email.
- r. Post a notice in an area visible to all workers and visitors instructing workers and visitors to do the following:
 - i. Do not touch your face with unwashed hands or with gloves.
 - ii. Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - iii. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as work stations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machines, shared tools, elevator control buttons, and doorknobs.
 - iv. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, or cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm at your elbow/sleeve.
 - v. Do not enter the jobsite if you have a fever, cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms. If you feel sick, or have been exposed to anyone who is sick, stay at home.
 - vi. Constantly observe your work distances in relation to other staff. Maintain the recommended minimum six feet at all times when not wearing the necessary PPE for working in close proximity to another person.
 - vii. Do not carpool to and from the jobsite with anyone except members of your own household unit, or as necessary for workers who have no alternative means of transportation.
 - viii. Do not share phones or PPE.

(Updated July 11, 2020)



Appendix B-2: Large Construction Project Safety Protocol

1. Any construction project meeting any of the following specifications is subject to this Large Construction Project Safety Protocol (“LCP Protocol”), including public works projects unless otherwise specified by the Health Officer:
 - a. For residential construction projects, any single-family, multi-family, senior, student, or other residential construction, renovation, or remodel project consisting of more than 10 units.
 - b. For non-residential commercial construction projects, any construction, renovation, or tenant improvement project that (1) consists of more than 20,000 square feet of building floor area or (2) requires 12 or more workers at the jobsite at any one time.
 - c. For mixed use construction projects, any project that includes a residential construction component that meets the specifications of subsection 1.a. or a non-residential construction component that meets the specifications of subsection 1.b.
2. The general contractor or other contractor(s) responsible for construction work in projects subject to this LCP Protocol shall comply with the following restrictions and requirements:
 - a. Comply with all applicable and current laws and regulations including but not limited to OSHA and Cal-OSHA. If there is any conflict, difference or discrepancy between or among applicable laws and regulations and/or this LCP Protocol, the stricter standard will apply.
 - b. Prepare a new or updated Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan to address COVID-19-related issues, post the Plan at the job site at all entrances and exits, and produce a copy of the Plan to County governmental authorities upon request. The Plan must be translated as necessary to ensure that all non-English speaking workers are able to understand the Plan.
 - c. Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) specifically for use in construction, including gloves, goggles, face shields, and face coverings as appropriate for the activity being performed. At no time may a contractor secure or use medical-grade PPE, unless required due to the medical nature of a job site. Face coverings must be worn in compliance with Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-22 or any subsequently issued or amended face covering order.
 - d. Ensure that employees are trained in the use of PPE. Maintain and make available a log of all PPE training provided to employees and monitor all employees to ensure proper use of the PPE.
 - e. Prohibit sharing of PPE.



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- f. Implement social distancing requirements including, at minimum:
 - i. Stagger stop- and start-times for shift schedules to reduce the quantity of workers at the jobsite at any one time to the extent feasible.
 - ii. Stagger trade-specific work to minimize the quantity of workers at the jobsite at any one time.
 - iii. Require social distancing by maintaining a minimum six-foot distance between workers at all times, except as strictly necessary to carry out a task associated with the project.
 - iv. Prohibit gatherings of any size on the jobsite, except for safety meetings or as strictly necessary to carry out a task associated with the project.
 - v. Strictly control “choke points” and “high-risk areas” where workers are unable to maintain minimum six-foot social distancing and prohibit or limit use to ensure that minimum six-foot distancing can easily be maintained between workers.
 - vi. Minimize interactions and maintain social distancing with all site visitors, including delivery workers, design professional and other project consultants, government agency representatives, including building and fire inspectors, and residents at residential construction sites.
 - vii. Prohibit workers from using others’ phones or desks. Any work tools or equipment that must be used by more than one worker must be cleaned with disinfectants that are effective against COVID-19 before use by a new worker.
 - viii. Place wash stations or hand sanitizers that are effective against COVID-19 at entrances to the jobsite and in multiple locations dispersed throughout the jobsite as warranted.
 - ix. Maintain a daily attendance log of all workers and visitors that includes contact information, including name, address, phone number, and email.
 - x. Post a notice in an area visible to all workers and visitors instructing workers and visitors to do the following:
 - 1. Do not touch your face with unwashed hands or with gloves.
 - 2. Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - 3. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machines, shared tools, elevator control buttons, and doorknobs.
 - 4. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing or cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm at your elbow/sleeve.
 - 5. Do not enter the jobsite if you have a fever, cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms. If you feel sick, or have been exposed to anyone who is sick, stay at home.
 - 6. Constantly observe your work distances in relation to other staff. Maintain the recommended minimum six-feet distancing at all times when not wearing the necessary PPE for working in close proximity to another person.
 - 7. Do not share phones or PPE.



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- xi. The notice in section 2.f.x must be translated as necessary to ensure that all non-English speaking workers are able to understand the notice.
- g. Implement cleaning and sanitization practices in accordance with the following:
 - i. Frequently clean and sanitize, in accordance with CDC guidelines, all high-traffic and high-touch areas including, at a minimum: meeting areas, jobsite lunch and break areas, entrances and exits to the jobsite, jobsite trailers, hand-washing areas, tools, equipment, jobsite restroom areas, stairs, elevators, and lifts.
 - ii. Establish a cleaning and decontamination protocol prior to entry and exit of the jobsite and post the protocol at entrances and exits of jobsite.
 - iii. Supply all personnel performing cleaning and sanitization with proper PPE to prevent them from contracting COVID-19. Employees must not share PPE.
 - iv. Establish adequate time in the workday to allow for proper cleaning and decontamination including prior to starting at or leaving the jobsite for the day.
- h. Implement a COVID-19 community spread reduction plan as part of the Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan that includes, at minimum, the following restrictions and requirements:
 - i. Prohibit all carpooling to and from the jobsite except by workers living within the same household unit, or as necessary for workers who have no alternative means of transportation.
 - ii. Cal-OSHA requires employers to provide water, which should be provided in single-serve containers. Prohibit any sharing of any food or beverage and if sharing is observed, the worker must be sent home for the day.
 - iii. Prohibit use of microwaves, water coolers, and other similar shared equipment.
- i. Assign a COVID-19 Safety Compliance Officer (SCO) to the jobsite and ensure the SCO's name is posted on the Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan. The SCO must:
 - i. Ensure implementation of all recommended safety and sanitation requirements regarding the COVID-19 virus at the jobsite.
 - ii. Compile daily written verification that each jobsite is compliant with the components of this LCP Protocol. Each written verification form must be copied, stored, and made immediately available upon request by any County official.
 - iii. Establish a daily screening protocol for arriving staff, to ensure that potentially infected staff do not enter the construction site. If workers leave the jobsite and return the same day, establish a cleaning and decontamination protocol prior to entry and exit of the jobsite. Post the daily screening protocol at all entrances and exit to the jobsite. More information on screening can be found online at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>.
 - iv. Conduct daily briefings in person or by teleconference that must cover the following topics:
 - 1. New jobsite rules and pre-job site travel restrictions for the prevention of COVID-19 community spread.
 - 2. Review of sanitation and hygiene procedures.
 - 3. Solicitation of worker feedback on improving safety and sanitation.
 - 4. Coordination of construction site daily cleaning/sanitation requirements.



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5. Conveying updated information regarding COVID-19.
6. Emergency protocols in the event of an exposure or suspected exposure to COVID-19.
- v. Develop and ensure implementation of a remediation plan to address any non-compliance with this LCP Protocol and post remediation plan at entrance and exit of jobsite during remediation period. The remediation plan must be translated as necessary to ensure that all non-English speaking workers are able to understand the document.
- vi. The SCO must not permit any construction activity to continue without bringing such activity into compliance with these requirements.
- vii. Report repeated non-compliance with this LCP Protocol to the appropriate jobsite supervisors and a designated County official.
- j. In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at any jobsite, the following must take place:
 - i. Immediately remove the infected individual from the jobsite with directions to seek medical care.
 - ii. Each location the infected worker was at must be decontaminated and sanitized. Work in these locations must cease until decontamination and sanitization is complete.
 - iii. The County Public Health Department must be notified immediately and any additional requirements per the County health officials must be completed, including full compliance with any tracing efforts by the County.
- k. Where construction work occurs within an occupied residential unit, any separate work area must be sealed off from the remainder of the unit with physical barriers such as plastic sheeting or closed doors sealed with tape to the extent feasible. If possible, workers must access the work area from an alternative entry/exit door to the entry/exit door used by residents. Available windows and exhaust fans must be used to ventilate the work area. If residents have access to the work area between workdays, the work area must be cleaned and sanitized at the beginning and at the end of workdays. Every effort must be taken to minimize contact between workers and residents, including maintaining a minimum of six feet of social distancing at all times.
- l. Where construction work occurs within common areas of an occupied building in use by on-site employees or residents, any separate work area must be sealed off from the rest of the common areas with physical barriers such as plastic sheeting or closed doors sealed with tape to the extent feasible. If possible, workers must access the work area from an alternative building entry/exit door to the building entry/exit door used by residents or other users of the building. Every effort must be taken to minimize contact between worker and building residents and users, including maintaining a minimum of six feet of social distancing at all times.

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Appendix C-1: Additional Businesses Permitted to Operate

General Requirements

The “Additional Businesses” listed below may operate, subject to the requirements set forth in the Order and to any additional requirements set forth below or in separate industry-specific guidance by the Health Officer. These businesses were selected based on guidance issued by the State of California and to implement a measured expansion of commercial activity based on health-related considerations, including the risks of COVID-19 transmission associated with types and modes of business operations, the ability to substantially mitigate transmission risks associated with the operations, and related factors, such as the following:

- **Increase in mobility and volume of activity**—the overall impact the reopening will have on the number of people leaving their homes and traveling to work at or access the business;
- **Contact intensity**—the type (close or distant) and duration (brief or prolonged) of the contact involved in the business;
- **Number of contacts**—the approximate number of people that will be in the setting at the same time;
- **Modification potential**—the degree to which mitigation measures can decrease the risk of transmission.

To mitigate the risk of transmission to the greatest extent possible, before resuming or commencing operations, each Additional Business must:

- a. Prepare, post, implement, and distribute to their Personnel, as defined below, a Social Distancing Protocol as specified in Section 15.h. of the Order for each of its facilities in the County frequented by their Personnel or members of the public; and
- b. Prepare, post, implement, and distribute to its Personnel a written health and safety plan that addresses all applicable best practices set forth in relevant Health Officer directives.

As used in this Appendix C-1, “Personnel” means the following people who provide goods or services associated with the Additional Business: Employees; contractors and sub-contractors (such as those who sell goods or perform services onsite or who deliver goods for the business); independent contractors (such as “gig workers” who perform work via the Additional Business’ app or other online interface); vendors who are permitted to sell goods onsite; volunteers; and other individuals who provide services onsite at the request of the Additional Business.

Each Additional Business must comply with Social Distancing Requirements, described in Section 15.k. of the Order, as well as all applicable industry-specific guidance issued by the State of California related to COVID-19, set forth at <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>.



Appendix C-1: Additional Businesses Permitted to Operate

List of Additional Businesses

For purposes of the Order, Additional Businesses include all of the following:

(1) Retail Stores and Retail Supply Chain Businesses

- a. Basis for Addition. The State of California has determined that retail businesses, and manufacturing and logistics and warehousing businesses that support retail businesses, may resume operation, subject to more restrictive local public health measures. Retail stores to which this provision applies includes, but is not limited to, bookstores, jewelry stores, toy stores, clothing and shoe stores, home and furnishing stores, sporting goods stores and florists. For clarity, this provision does not apply to personal service businesses such as beauty salons.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate.
 1. Curbside/Outside Pickup. All retail stores may operate for curbside or other outdoor pickup, subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail.pdf>) and all of the following conditions:
 - (a) If a store is not open for indoor shopping, it may not display merchandise for sale on tables or otherwise outside the store, and customers may not enter the store.
 - (b) The store must have access to an area or areas outside the store for customer pickups. Subject to local requirements, a pickup area may be curbside, on a sidewalk, in a parking lot, or in any other area that is suitable for customer pickups and not in an enclosed space.
 - (c) The store must employ reasonable measures to require customers to comply with Social Distancing Requirements at the pickup areas, including but not limited to marking locations at six-foot intervals for customers to stand while waiting in line.
 - (d) The store must limit the number of Personnel in enclosed areas so that Personnel can comply with Social Distancing Requirements.
 - (e) The store must employ reasonable measures to prevent pedestrian or vehicle congestion in the vicinity of the pickup area.
 2. Indoor Retail. All retail businesses may operate for indoor shopping, subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail.pdf>). The number of Personnel and customers inside the store or other enclosed space must be limited so that Personnel and customers can comply with Social Distancing Requirements.



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3. **Shopping Malls, Shopping Centers and Swap Meets.** Shopping malls, shopping centers and swap meets may resume operations subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-shopping-centers.pdf>). Prior to opening, the operator of an indoor shopping mall must prepare and obtain the Health Officer's approval of a COVID-19 prevention plan. The plan must address and describe with particularity how the facility will implement the preventive measures described in the guidance document. The plan must be submitted to the Health Officer at the Office of the Director of Contra Costa Health Services, 1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 200, Martinez, CA 94553.
4. **Manufacturing.** Manufacturing businesses permitted to operate under the state Resilience Roadmap (<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>), as it is amended from time to time, may operate, subject to applicable guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-manufacturing.pdf>). Manufacturers must also limit the number of Personnel in enclosed areas so that Personnel can comply with Social Distancing Requirements.
5. **Logistics and Warehousing Facilities.** Logistics and warehousing facilities permitted to operate under the State of California Resilience Roadmap (<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>), as it is amended from time to time, may operate, subject to applicable guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-logistics-warehousing.pdf>). Logistics and warehousing facilities must also limit the number of Personnel in enclosed areas so that Personnel can comply with Social Distancing Requirements.

(2) Limited Services That Do Not Generally Require Close Customer Contact

- a. **Basis for Addition:** The State of California has determined that businesses providing limited services that do not generally require close customer contract may resume operation, subject to more restrictive local health measures.
- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate:** Businesses that offer limited services that do not require close customer contact include, by way of example and without limitation, car washes, pet groomers and dog walkers, and businesses that provide services inside residences and community facilities where social distancing can be maintained, such as residential and janitorial cleaning services, heating, ventilation and air conditioning services, appliance repair persons, electricians, plumbers, other mechanical tradespersons, and general contractors. These businesses may operate subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-limited-services.pdf>).



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(3) Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies

- a. Basis for Addition: The State of California has determined that places of worship and providers of religious services and cultural ceremonies may resume specified in-person activities under certain limitations.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate: Places of worship and providers of religious services and cultural ceremonies may hold in-person religious services and cultural ceremonies, subject to applicable guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>), provided that these events are held outdoors only.

It is strongly recommended that individuals wear face coverings while participating in religious services and cultural ceremonies, even if they can maintain a 6 foot distance from persons not in their household. Face coverings are also strongly recommended while engaged in activities such as singing and chanting.

Because in-person events, including in-person religious services and cultural ceremonies, can involve extended periods of close contact, increasing the risk of transmission of COVID-19, it is recommended that event organizers consider maintaining contact information of attendees at services or ceremonies and that this information be kept by the event's organizer for at least 14 days after the event. The purpose of this recommendation is to assist Contra Costa Health Services with effective contact tracing in case of an outbreak that may have affected people attending the event.

(4) Office Workplaces

- a. Basis for Addition: The State of California has determined that office workplaces may resume operation.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate: All office workplaces may open for business, subject to restrictions in applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-office-workspaces.pdf>).

(5) Outdoor Museums and Other Outdoor Exhibit Spaces

- a. Basis for Addition: The State of California has determined that outdoor museums, open air galleries, botanical gardens, and other outdoor exhibit spaces (collectively "Outdoor Museums") may resume limited operation.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate: Outdoor Museums may operate subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-outdoor-museums.pdf>). Outdoor Museums do not include zoos or amusement parks. Associated indoor areas such as cafes, restaurants and convention spaces must remain closed until full operations are authorized.



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(6) Libraries

- a. Basis for Addition: The State of California has determined that libraries may operate for curbside pickup.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate: Libraries that have not been determined by a government entity to be providing Essential Government Functions may operate for curbside pickup only, subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail.pdf>).

(7) Drive-in Theaters

- a. Basis for Addition: The State of California has determined that drive-in theaters may operate.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate: Drive-in theaters may operate subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail.pdf>).

(8) Employers of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers

- a. Basis for Addition: The State of California has identified a list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” in 13 sectors that perform functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. Because these workers have been determined to be essential, it is necessary to categorize their employers as Additional Businesses, to the extent they are not Essential Businesses as defined by the Order, for the purposes of authorizing these workers to carry out their essential work.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate: Any business that employs Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers, as defined by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/>), may resume operations carried out by its essential workforce, subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>).

(9) Outdoor Dining

- a. Basis for Addition: Outdoor dining provides access to freshly prepared meals at a relatively low risk of transmission. Because food service will be limited to outdoor areas, the overall volume of increased activity will be modest. In addition, interactions and activities that occur outdoors carry a lower risk of transmission than most indoor interactions and activities. Risks associated with these operations can be substantially mitigated through measures that provide for adequate social distancing.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate: Restaurants and other food facilities that provide sit-down food service may provide outdoor, sit-down meals, subject to the following limitations:



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1. Alcohol may be sold to patrons in conjunction with a meal, but it may not be sold separately. For purposes of this Order, a “meal” means food that is prepared and served to a person at a customary, regular time for eating during the day, such as lunch or dinner. Snack fare, whether reheated or served cold, does not constitute a meal.
2. Bar areas must remain closed to customers.
3. Customers may remove face coverings to eat or drink while seated at a table outdoors. However, customers must wear face coverings in all of the following circumstances:
 - While waiting in line;
 - While going to or from their table;
 - When ordering their meals or otherwise interacting with employees;
 - While seated at a table and waiting for food, drinks or checks to arrive;
 - After meals and beverages have been consumed;
 - While inside a facility to use a restroom or to order or pick up food from a quick-service operation; and
 - At other times that a facility requires face coverings to be worn.
4. All food facilities authorized to open under this provision must comply with applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-dine-in-restaurants.pdf>). The State requires the following:
 - Brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, and wineries should remain closed until those establishments are allowed to resume modified or full operation **unless they are offering sit-down, dine-in meals. Alcohol can only be sold in the same transaction as a meal.**
 - Dine-in restaurants, brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, and wineries that provide sit-down meals should follow the restaurant guidance below and should continue to **encourage takeout and delivery service whenever possible.**
 - Brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, and wineries that do not provide sit-down meals themselves, but can contract with another vendor to do so, can serve dine-in meals provided both businesses follow the guidance below and alcohol is only sold in the same transaction as a meal.



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(10) Campgrounds, Recreational Vehicle Parks and Outdoor Recreation Facilities

- a. Basis for Addition: Current conditions in the County allow for the opening of sectors of the economy considered to present a moderate risk of transmission with the mitigation steps set forth in State guidance documents. Activities at campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks and outdoor recreation facilities all present a moderate risk of transmission because the activities take place outside.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate: Campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks and outdoor recreation facilities may operate subject to the applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-campgrounds.pdf>). Outdoor pools are also subject to the following conditions:
 1. The maximum occupancy of the pool must be limited to a number that is less than or equal to the number of square feet of shared pool space divided by 75.
 2. The pool operator must post a sign at or near the entrance to the pool facility that sets forth the maximum allowable occupancy of the pool based on the above limitation.
 3. At least one person, separate from a lifeguard, paid or unpaid, shall be on duty at all times to ensure that the social distancing protocol applicable to the facility and all limitations herein are followed. The person performing this function may not be one of the swimmers in the pool.

Hair Salons and Barbershops

- a. Basis for Addition: Current conditions in the County allow for the further opening of sectors of the economy considered to present a moderate risk of transmission with the mitigation steps set forth in State guidance documents. These sectors include hair salons and barbershops.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate: Hair salons and barbershops may operate subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hair-salons.pdf>).

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Appendix C-2: Additional Activities

General Requirements

The “Additional Activities” listed below may resume, subject to the requirements set forth in the Order and to any additional requirements set forth below or in separate guidance by the Health Officer. These activities were selected to implement a measured expansion of activity based on health-related considerations including the risks of COVID-19 transmission associated with types and modes of activity, the ability to substantially mitigate transmission risks associated with the operations, and related factors, such as the following:

- **Increase in mobility and volume of activity**—the overall impact resumption of the activity will have on the number of people leaving their homes and interacting with others in the community;
- **Contact intensity**—the type (close or distant) and duration (brief or prolonged) of the contact involved in the activity;
- **Number of contacts**—the approximate number of people that will be in the setting at the same time;
- **Modification potential**—the degree to which mitigation measures can decrease the risk of transmission.

List of Additional Activities

For purposes of the Order, Additional Activities include all of the following:

(1) Small Social Gatherings

- a. Basis for Addition. Social gatherings of small groups of people who engage in support and recreational activities typical within households present a low risk for transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 if the gatherings take place outdoors.
- b. Description and Conditions: Social gatherings of persons in a Social Bubble, as defined below, may take place if:
 1. The gathering takes place outside only, and
 2. The participants comply with all other applicable requirements under this Order.

Notwithstanding Section 15.k. of the Order, persons in Social Bubbles are not required to strictly adhere to Social Distancing Requirements while participating in social gatherings authorized under this section. However, persons in Social Bubbles who are over 12 years of age are required to:

1. Maintain six-foot social distancing from each other; and
2. Wear face coverings except when eating or drinking, in accordance with Health Officer Order No. COVID19-22 (the “Face Covering Order”).



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c. Definitions.

1. “Social Bubble” means a Stable Group of 12 that forms either a Household Support Unit, a Childcare Unit, or a Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit, for the purpose of engaging in activities allowed under this Order.
2. “Stable Group of 12” means a group of not more than 12 individuals over a three-week time period that is a Household Support Unit, a Childcare Unit, or a Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit.
3. “Household Support Unit” means a Stable Group of 12 that is formed for the purpose of engaging in the sort of support and activities that are typical of members of the same household (e.g., childcare, family recreation, etc.), regardless of whether they physically occupy the same dwelling. Each person may be part of only one Household Support Unit, and every resident of a single dwelling unit must be part of the same Household Support Unit, except that a child who resides in more than one dwelling unit as part of a court-ordered shared custody arrangement may be part of the Household Support Unit of each of the child’s custodians.
4. “Childcare Unit” means a Stable Group of 12 (typically 10 children and 1-2 adults) that is formed for the purposes of the Essential Business of childcare under Section 15.f.xxvi. of the Order. Each person (adult or child) may be a part of only a single Childcare Unit, but children in the same household may be part of separate, age-appropriate Childcare Units.
5. “Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit” means a Stable Group of 12 (typically 10 children and 1-2 adults) that is formed for the purpose of organized recreation under 15.a.iii. Each person (adult or child) may be part of only one Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit, but children in the same household may be part of separate, age-appropriate Extracurricular Activity Units.

(2) Protests

- a. Basis for Addition: The State of California has issued guidance for participation in in-person protests.
- b. Description and Conditions: Subject to requirements and restrictions of the local jurisdiction in which the protest takes place, persons may participate in protests held outdoors. Such participation is subject to applicable guidance issued by the State of California
(<https://covid19.ca.gov/search/?q=protests#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=protests&gsc.page=1>).

It is strongly recommended that individuals wear face coverings while participating in protests, even if they can maintain a 6 foot distance from persons not in their household. Face coverings are also strongly recommended while engaged in activities such as singing and chanting.



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(3) Use of Dog Parks

- a. Basis for Addition: Dog parks are located outdoors, where the risk of transmission is low, and typically provide ample space for people to distance from one another. Risks associated with the use of dog parks can be mitigated through measures that provide for adequate social distancing.
- b. Description and Conditions: People may use dog parks subject to the following limitations:
 1. An individual must not enter a dog park if it is not possible at that time, within the park, to easily maintain at least six feet of separation from all other persons.
 2. Face coverings must be worn at all times, except by persons to which an exception under the Face Covering Order applies.

(4) Use of Picnic and Barbecue Areas

- a. Basis for Addition: Picnic and barbecue areas are located outdoors, where the risk of transmission is low, and typically provide ample space for groups to distance from each other. Risks associated with the use of these facilities can be mitigated by restricting the use of these facilities.
- b. Description and Conditions: People may use picnic areas and barbecue areas subject to the following limitations:
 1. Picnic areas and barbecue areas may be used only by households or living units.
 2. Each picnic table may be occupied by only one household or living unit at a time.
 3. Each barbecue pit or grill may be used by only household or living unit at a time.
 4. Each member of a household or living unit must maintain at least six feet of separation from all members of other households or living units in the area. For clarity, members of the same household or living unit do not need to be six feet apart from each other.

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State of California—Health and Human
Services Agency
**California Department of
Public Health**



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor

August 3, 2020

TO: All Californians

SUBJECT: COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Elementary Education Waiver Process

Overview

California schools have been closed for in-person instruction since mid-March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. School closures to in-person instruction were part of a broader set of recommendations intended to reduce transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) developed the *COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework* (PDF) to support school communities as they decide when and how to implement in-person instruction for the 2020-21 school year.

This framework permitted schools and school districts to reopen for in-person instruction at any time if they are located in a local health jurisdiction (LHJ) that has not been on the county monitoring list within the prior 14 days. If the LHJ has been on the monitoring list within the last 14 days, the school must conduct distance learning only, until their LHJ has been off the monitoring list for at least 14 days.

The framework authorized local health officers (LHO) to grant a waiver of this criteria, in order for elementary schools to open for in-person instruction under specified conditions. Applicants must satisfy all waiver requirements in order to be granted a waiver. Waivers should be granted or denied pursuant to the process outlined below.

Waiver Process

- **CDPH recommends that schools within jurisdictions with 14-day case rates more than two times the threshold to be on the County Monitoring List (>200 cases/100,000 population) should not be considered for a waiver to re-open in-person instruction.**
- Closed elementary schools in counties on the monitoring list within the prior 14 days may not open for in-person instruction until they have received approval of a waiver submitted to the LHO.
- This elementary school waiver is applicable only for grades TK-6, even if the grade configuration at the school includes additional grades.
- A district superintendent, private school principal/head of school, or executive director of a charter school (hereinafter applicant) can apply for a waiver from the LHO to open an elementary school for in-person instruction.
- Applications and all supporting documents must be submitted to the LHO at least 14 days prior to the desired reopening date.
- Prior to applying for the waiver, the applicant (or his/her staff) must (1) consult with labor, parent, and community organizations, and (2) publish elementary school reopening plans on the website of the local


- educational agency (or equivalent). Examples of community organizations include school-based non-profit organizations and local organizations that support student enrichment, recreation, after-school programs, health services, early childhood services or provide family support.
- As described in the *CDPH/CalOSHA Guidance for Schools and School-Based Programs* (PDF), elementary school reopening plans must address several topics related to health and safety, in a manner consistent with guidance from CDPH and the local health department. Those topics include:
 - Cleaning and disinfection
 - Small, stable, cohorting
 - Entrance, egress, and movement within the school
 - Face coverings and other essential protective gear
 - Health screenings for students and staff
 - Healthy hygiene practices
 - Identification and tracing of contacts
 - Physical distancing
 - Staff training and family education
 - Testing of students and staff
 - Triggers for switching to distance learning
 - Communication plans
 - When applying for the waiver, the applicant must submit to the LHO a waiver application form, to be provided by the LHO. The application must include evidence of (1) consultation with labor, parent, and community organizations and (2) publication of the elementary school reopening plans on the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent).
 - The applicant must sign an attestation confirming the names and dates that the organizations were consulted. If school staff are not represented by a labor organization, then the applicant must describe the process by which it consulted with school staff.
 - The applicant must confirm publication of the elementary school reopening plans on the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent).
 - If applying on behalf of a school district, the applicant should submit a consolidated application and publish a plan for elementary schools in the district that are seeking to reopen for in-person instruction. If applying for an independent, private, faith-based, or charter school, the applicant should submit an application and publish a plan for each school.
 - Upon receipt of a waiver application, the LHO will review and consider the application, supporting materials, and the following:
 - Available scientific evidence regarding COVID-related risks in schools serving elementary-age students, along with the health-related risks for children who are not provided in-person instruction.
 - State law directing public schools to "offer in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible." (Ed. Code § 43504).
 - Whether elementary in-person instruction can be provided in small, stable cohorts.
 - Local health guidance, safety plans, availability of appropriate PPE, and availability of public health and school resources for COVID-19 investigation and response.
 - Current new case rate, testing % positivity trends, and the number and degree of indicators above thresholds to be on the County Monitoring List.
 - Local hospitalization trends and hospital capacity.
 - Any other local conditions or data contributing to inclusion on the County Monitoring List.
 - Availability of testing resources within the community and via employee health plans.
 - The extent to which the applicant has consulted with staff, labor organizations, community, and parent organizations.
 - Following review, the LHO will consult with CDPH regarding the determination whether to grant or deny the waiver application. Consultation with CDPH is accomplished by submitting a notice pursuant to CDPH instructions.
 - CDPH will acknowledge receipt of the notice and follow up if there are any questions or concerns. CDPH will provide technical assistance as requested.

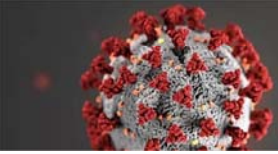
- If the LHO has not received a further response within three business days of submission, the waiver application may be approved or denied consistent with CDPH instructions.
- LHOs may conditionally grant an application with limits on the number of elementary schools allowed to re-open or allow re-opening in phases to monitor for any impact on the community.
- Closed elementary schools in counties on the monitoring list within the prior 14 days may not open for in-person instruction until they have received approval of a waiver submitted to the LHO.

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Information for Schools and Childcare



Contra Costa Health Services works closely with the [Contra Costa County Office of Education](#) and [CocoKids](#) on issues related to COVID-19 for schools and childcare facilities.

Elementary School Waiver Process for In-Class Instruction as of 8/4/2020

[State rules](#) allow elementary schools in Contra Costa County to apply for a waiver to conduct in-person classes. However, Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) will not be supporting elementary school waiver applications because we consider in-person education too risky at this time. Until daily case rates, percent positive test rates and hospitalizations in our county are stable or declining for at least 2 weeks, we won't be reviewing any waiver requests. We will continue to update the County Office of Education and our other education partners about when local schools may begin submitting waiver applications.

Once things have stabilized, schools may submit an application demonstrating the following:

- The school has a plan to perform surveillance testing of staff (at least 25% of staff every 2 weeks/100% of staff every month) and has secured an agreement with a lab that has the ability to provide test results within 72 hours.
- The school must also have select staff members trained in contact tracing methodology and agree to assist CCHS with collecting contact tracing information.
- The school meets [additional criteria](#) required by the California Department of Public Health.

Guidances & Resources

Local Guidance & Resources:

- [School Reopening Guidance from the County Office of Education](#)
- [Contra Costa County Office of Education: Information about Coronavirus](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions: COVID-19 and Contra Costa County Schools](#)
- [Guidance for Modified Childcare During COVID-19 Pandemic | Spanish](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Graduation Ceremonies | Spanish - 5/11/2020](#)
- [Respiratory Illness Symptom Screening Tool for Parents and Caregivers | Spanish - 5/4/2020](#)

State Guidance & Resources:

- [COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Elementary Education Waiver Process](#)
- [COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year](#)
- [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs](#)
- [California Department of Education: guidance on support for students](#)
- [COVID-19 Industry Guidance for Child Care Programs and Providers | Spanish](#)
- [COVID-19 Outbreaks at Licensed Childcare Facilities:](#) Click the "COVID-19 Positive Cases in Child Care Facilities" under the "Additional Information" heading

Centers for Disease Control Guidance:

- [Resources for K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs](#)
- [Considerations for Schools](#)

Additional Resources:

- [Video: COVID-19 Explained for Children](#)
- [Cover your Cough flyer](#)
- [Germ Stopper flyer](#)
- [Germ-Free Zone flyer](#)
- [Wash Your Hands flyer](#)
- [Keep Our School Healthy flyer](#)

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY

Meeting Date: 08/13/2020
Subject: COVID-19 Recovery Road Map: Continuing Discussion of
Current Local Health Orders and Timeline for Reopening
Submitted For: David Twa, County Administrator
Department: County Administrator
Referral No.:
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Presenter: **Contact:**

Referral History:

Although the Board of Supervisors has authority over County issues, under State law, when an emergency of this nature is declared and there is a pandemic of this magnitude, the Health Officer of each County has the legal authority to impose whatever orders she or he deem necessary to protect the public.

On Tuesday, April 21, the Board of Supervisors formed this ad hoc committee to advise the Health Department on COVID19 impacts. The goal of the committee is to work toward having a sustainable COVID-19 mitigation and recovery plan. The committee will be working with the community and industry on issues of concern, advising the Board of Supervisors and the Health Officer on possible ways to interpret and apply Health Orders so they will continue to keep the community safe, but allow more businesses to re-open and provide common-sense applications to outdoor activities.

The Committee has so far conducted 13 public meetings on May 7, 14, 21 and 28; June 4, 11, 18, and 25; and July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2020, covering recreation and lifestyle services, in-home and other personal services, small businesses, religious gatherings; a plan to move to fully to Stage 2 and, regrettably, the second surge that required postponement of many planned Phase 2 re-openings. A record of those meetings is posted on the County website at this [link](#). The committee plans to change its meeting schedule to bi-weekly unless changing circumstances dictate otherwise, taking up issues relating to different business/community sectors at each meeting.

The Committee and the Health Officer also discuss updates to the State and County Health Orders and projected timeline for reopening business and community activities and answer questions received each week via the Supervisors' offices.

Referral Update:

With local data showing that community transmission of COVID-19 is accelerating in Contra Costa, community leaders and health officials are urging county residents to follow the local and state health guidance to protect their families and communities – it saves lives.

In Contra Costa and across the nation, historically marginalized communities are experiencing the most pronounced impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today local community leaders are calling on the public to take COVID-19 seriously, and take steps to keep healthy and safe:

- Stay home from work or school if you feel sick
- Wash your hands often
- Wear face masks whenever you are near someone outside your immediate household
- Observe physical distancing outside the home and do not make unnecessary trips or visits
- Get tested and follow the health instructions if you test positive or were exposed to someone who tested positive

All Bay Area residents are also encouraged to get tested for COVID-19, and to do so immediately if they have symptoms. Check with your local health department for more information about testing and about efforts in your community to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, please visit cchealth.org/coronavirus to read the latest health order and its appendices, and for local information about Contra Costa's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here is a link to the updated FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions): [FAQs](#)

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

DISCUSS the July 7th and 11th, and August 5th updated Health Orders and any subsequent updates to the timeline for future resumption of business and community activities.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

No fiscal impact. The Committee's meetings facilitate the exchange of information and ideas.

Attachments

Updated Health Order on Facial Coverings 7-5-2020

Press Release Updated Facial Covering Guidance 7-7-2020

Updated Health Order Mass Quarantine 7-5-2020

COVID Community Outreach Activities 7-7-2020

Updates to Health Order 6-16-2020

Contra Costa Receives State Variance for More Local Control

Public Comment Bob Welsh 7-30-2020

Minutes Attachments

No file(s) attached.



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
SUPERSEDING HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. HO-COVID19-08, GENERALLY
REQUIRING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND WORKERS TO WEAR FACE
COVERINGS**

ORDER NO. HO-COVID19-22

DATE OF ORDER: JULY 5, 2020

Summary and Basis of the Order

This Order requires that all individuals in Contra Costa County (“County”) wear face coverings in accordance with guidance issued by the State of California. This Order is issued in light of the existence in the County, as of July 4, 2020, of 3,564 confirmed cases of infection by the virus that causes Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), including a significant and increasing number of cases of community transmission. This Order is necessary to slow the rate of spread. This Order supersedes the Order of the Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa issued on April 17, 2020, which imposed a requirement that members of the public and workers wear face coverings in specified situations.

A key transmission method for the virus that causes COVID-19 is respiratory droplets that people expel when they breathe or sneeze. People can be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 and not have any symptoms, meaning they are asymptomatic, but can still be contagious. People can also be infected and contagious 48 hours before developing symptoms, the time when they are pre-symptomatic. Many people who have been infected with the COVID-19 virus have mild symptoms and do not recognize they are infected and contagious, and they can unintentionally infect others. Therefore, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Contra Costa County Health Services Department believe that wearing a face covering, when combined with physical distancing of at least 6 feet and frequent hand washing, may reduce the risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus when engaged in activities in public when others are nearby.

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



1. **Past Order.** This Order supersedes Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-08, which is referred to as the “Face Covering Order” in other orders of the Health Officer. Requirements in other Health Officer orders to comply with the Face Covering Order will be interpreted as requirements to comply with this Order.

2. **Compliance with State Guidance.** All individuals in the County shall comply with the applicable face covering requirements set forth in the June 18, 2020, CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings (“State Face Covering Guidance”), a copy of which is attached hereto, as may be amended from time to time.

3. **Face Coverings.** The term “face covering” in the State Face Covering Guidance (“Face Covering”) means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers the nose and mouth, but does not hide or obscure the wearer’s eyes or forehead. 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. A video showing how to make a Face Covering and additional information about how to wear and clean Face Coverings may be found at the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>. Any mask that incorporates a one-way valve (typically a raised plastic cylinder about the size of a quarter on the front or side of the mask) that is designed to facilitate easy exhaling is not a Face Covering and may not be used to comply with this Order. Even when not required by this Order, people are strongly encouraged to wear Face Coverings when in public.

4. **Local Requirements.** Subject to the exemptions set forth in the State Face Covering Guidance, including but not limited to exemptions in industry guidance documents issued by the State of California, individuals and businesses in the County must comply with the following local requirements, as applicable:

a. Individuals shall wear Face Coverings when less than 6 feet away from any person who is not a member of the individual’s household or living unit.

b. Individuals must wear Face Coverings when inside or on the grounds of, or waiting in line to enter, any business.

c. Businesses must take all reasonable steps to prohibit an individual who is not wearing a Face Covering from entering. If those efforts are not successful, the business must not serve that individual, and must seek to remove the individual from the premises.

5. **Incorporation of Emergency Proclamations.** This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020, Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and the March 10, 2020, Proclamation by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors declaring the existence of a local emergency.



6. 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 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.

7. Effective Date and Time. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 6, 2020, and will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

8. Copies; Contact Information. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the Office of the Director of Contra Costa Health Services, 1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 200, Martinez, CA 94553; (2) posted on the Contra Costa Health Services website (<https://www.cchealth.org>); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order. Questions or comments regarding this Order may be directed to Contra Costa Health Services at (844) 729-8410.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

July 5, 2020

Chris Farnitano, M.D.
Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa

Attachment:

June 18, 2020, California Department of Public Health Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings





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Press Release

Contra Costa County Releases Updated Public Guidance for Face Coverings



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Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Contra Costa County today updated its health order about when and where members of the public should wear face coverings during the COVID-19 pandemic to align it with current state guidance.

Local data indicate that COVID-19 is spreading rapidly in Contra Costa County. The county is currently on the California Department of Public Health's monitoring list because of increasing numbers of COVID-19 patients in local hospitals. Today Contra Costa reports 209 new confirmed cases.

The updated order specifies that face coverings should be worn in businesses and in areas where people wait in line to enter businesses, and that everyone should wear a mask or face covering whenever they are within six feet of another person who is not a member of their household, except in very limited, industry-specific situations.

People who have certain health conditions are exempt from wearing masks that fit snugly over the mouth and nose but must instead wear plastic face shields with cloth draping beneath to contain coughs and sneezes.

The order also requires businesses that are open during the pandemic to ensure their

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workers and volunteers wear face coverings, and to not serve or allow entry to anyone not wearing face coverings.

"We recognize there is a lot of detailed health guidance coming from state and local sources, and that can be confusing," said Candace Andersen, chair of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors. "With COVID-19 spreading more in our community, it is more important than ever to follow the state health guidance and wear a face covering whenever you go out."

Face coverings, even if just cloth bandanas, help reduce the spread of COVID-19 by blocking virus-containing droplets that come out of our mouths and noses when we breath, speak, cough or sneeze. Face coverings are one of the simplest and most effective ways to slow the virus spread and allow for further re-opening of the economy. The World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and the California Department of Public Health all recommend face coverings due to overwhelming evidence of benefit (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprevent-getting-sick%2Fcloth-face-cover.html) in reducing the spread of COVID-19.

CCHS encourages everyone to take simple steps to protect themselves from COVID-19: Follow the shelter-in-place order, and wear a face covering when you go out or are near other people. Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently, and always stay home from work or school if you are not feeling well.

Visit cchealth.org/coronavirus (/coronavirus/) to read the new health order, and for local information about Contra Costa's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

No. HO-COVID19-23

UPDATED MASS QUARANTINE ORDER

DATE OF ORDER: July 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 Saf. Code, § 120295.)

SUMMARY OF THE ORDER

California is in a State of Emergency because of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The spread of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 is a substantial danger to the health of the public within the County of Contra Costa ("County"). COVID-19 can easily spread between people who are in close contact with one another. This Order is issued based on scientific evidence and best practices as currently known and available to protect vulnerable members of the public from avoidable risk of serious illness or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19. The age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the County place it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. There is growing evidence of transmission risk from infected persons before the onset of symptoms. Thus, all individuals who contract COVID-19, regardless of their level of symptoms (none, mild or severe), may place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk. Currently, there is no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19 and no specific treatment.

To help slow COVID-19's spread, protect vulnerable individuals, and prevent the healthcare system in the County from being overwhelmed, it is necessary for the Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa to require the quarantine of persons exposed to a person diagnosed with COVID-19. Quarantine separates individuals who were exposed to COVID-19 from others, until it is determined that they are not at risk for spreading the disease.



This Order supersedes the May 13, 2020, Order of the Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa, No. HO-COVID19-12, directing close contacts of persons diagnosed with COVID-19 to quarantine themselves. This Order updates the description of close contacts to include all persons who have been within six feet of the person diagnosed with COVID-19 during the infectious period as defined.

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

1. All persons who have had close contact with a person with COVID-19 (“Case), as described below in Section 2, must quarantine themselves. These persons are required to follow all instructions in this Order and the Public Health guidance documents referenced in this Order.
2. For the purposes of this Order, a person is considered to have had close contact with a Case if, during the Case’s infectious period, the person was within six feet of the Case for 15 minutes or longer. Examples may include persons who:
 - a. Live in, have visited, or have stayed overnight at the Case’s residence; or
 - b. Are intimate sexual partners of the Case; or
 - c. Worked within six feet of the Case; or
 - d. Provide or provided care to the Case without wearing a mask, a face shield or goggles, gown, and gloves; or
 - e. Have been identified as close contacts by the Contra Costa County Health Services Department.
 - f. Have been released from a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Facility where a Case was reported among staff or detainees within 30 days before the person’s release.

For purposes of this Order, a Case is infectious from 48 hours before his or her symptoms began (or, in the absence of symptoms, from 48 hours before the date of administration of a positive test for the presence of COVID-19) and until he or she is released from isolation.

3. Instructions. All persons who have had close contact with a Case must immediately take the following actions:
 - a. Stay in their home or another residence through 14 days from the last date that they were in contact with the person infected or likely to be infected with COVID-19. Persons are



required to quarantine themselves for the entirety of the 14-day incubation period because they are at high risk for developing and spreading COVID-19.

b. Quarantined persons may not leave their place of quarantine or enter any other public or private place except to receive necessary medical care or during an emergency that requires evacuation to protect the health and safety of the person.

c. Carefully review and closely follow all requirements listed in the “Home Quarantine Instructions,” posted at <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/if-you-are-sick>.

d. If a quarantined person becomes sick with fever, cough, or shortness of breath (even if their symptoms are very mild), he or she shall isolate themselves at home and away from other people and follow the “Home Isolation Instructions,” posted at <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/if-you-are-sick>. This is because the person is likely to have COVID-19 and if so, can spread it to vulnerable individuals. If a medical professional examines a quarantined person and determines that his or her symptoms are not due to COVID-19, the person may discontinue home isolation but shall continue to follow the home quarantine order and instructions.

4. Exception. Notwithstanding the foregoing, health care workers and first responder agency workers who are household members, intimate partners, or caregivers of a person with COVID-19 are not subject to this Order under the following circumstances:

a. The worker informs his or her employer about the worker’s close contact to a lab-confirmed Case;

b. The worker is asymptomatic, and the worker’s employer determines, based on staffing needs, that the worker needs to report to work; AND

c. The worker returns to work.

5. The Health Officer may take additional action(s), which may include civil detention or requiring one to stay at a health facility or other location, to protect the public’s health if an individual who is subject to this Order violates or fails to comply with this Order.

6. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 6, 2020, and will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

7. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the Office of the Director of Contra Costa Health Services, 1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 200, Martinez, CA 94553; (2) posted on the Contra Costa Health Services website (<https://www.cchealth.org>); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy.

8. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the reminder 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.

9. Questions or comments regarding this Order may be directed to Contra Costa Health Services at (844) 729-8410.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Dated: July 5, 2020

Chris Farnitano, M.D.
Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa

Attachments:

Appendix A: "Home Quarantine Instructions"
Appendix B: "Home Isolation Instructions"





The Proactive Outreach Branch

Summary of COVID-19 Community Outreach Activities 2020



Proactive Outreach Task Force

- Created COVID-19 Rapid Response Playbook
- Developed Coronavirus Vulnerability Index that identified 7,000 individuals at high-risk.
- Social needs assessment completed by more than 3,300 individuals



Pharmacy Outreach

- Campaign to encourage patients and providers to increase refills by mail and encourage 90-day supplies on refills
- Approx.. 2600 prescriptions switched from 30 to 90 day supplies; saving an estimated 7,000 trips to the pharmacy over the course of a year.



Historically Marginalized Communities Task Force

- Developed community resource guide for undocumented immigrants Translated in 7 languages.
- Focus areas expanded to youth, Latinx and African-American, and Asian/Pacific Islander communities



Food + Pilot Project

- Project delivers weekly supplemental nutrition boxes to individuals at risk of COVID-19 who are under 60 years old, have an expressed food need and consent to services.
- Today, more than 75 food boxes delivered per week
 - More than 9000 meals have been provided



Congregate Living Facilities Task Force

- Conducted almost 300 surveys with Skilled Nursing Facilities,, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder residential treatment and recovery facilities.
- Created and distributed 200 tool kits for smaller facilities with 6 beds and less
- Congregate Living Facilities task force was moved to the Care and Treatment branch. in late May.



Prevention Outreach Branch

- Prevention/Outreach branch was created as part of new ICS structure.
- Proactive Outreach,, Historically Marginalized Communities, and Congregate Living Task forces brought into branch.



Latinx Focused Workgroup

- Convening a series of rapid cycle work groups to help create messaging for Latinx communities about COVID-19 testing and prevention.



Proactive Outreach Branch Redesign

- Developed partnership with EHSD to drive integrated service response efforts and co-sponsor coordinating body.



African-American Focused Workgroup

- Created culturally-specific graphics around testing and 4 principles.
- HSD co-sponsored a Juneteenth Holistic Health virtual event to educate community on testing and other COVID-19 resources and supports.



Coming Soon

- LGBTQ+ focused workgroup
- Coronavirus Vulnerability Index 2.0
- COVID-19 Community Social Needs Assessment Survey 2.0



Youth Focused Workgroup

- Convening a series of rapid cycle work groups to help create messaging for youth campaign about COVID testing and prevention .



Food ++ Redesign

- New community partnership being established to create a sustainable emergency food program



Asian-American/Pacific Islander focus group

- Convening a series of rapid cycle work groups to help create messaging for AAPI communities about COVID-19 testing and prevention.

March

April

May

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July



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER
OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA DIRECTING
ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH SOCIAL
DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER
MEASURES NECESSARY TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE 2019**

Order No. HO-COVID19-18

DATE OF ORDER: JUNE 16, 2020

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295.)

Summary of the Order

This Order of the County of Contra Costa Health Officer eases certain restrictions set forth in the Health Officer's June 5, 2020, Shelter in Place Order ("Prior Order"). In light of further progress to slow the spread of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") within the County of Contra Costa and neighboring jurisdictions, and in conformance with State guidelines, as of the effective date set forth in Section 18, this Order:

- Allows recreational vehicle parks, outdoor recreation facilities, hair salons and barbershops to operate; and
- Modifies restrictions on outdoor recreation activities, childcare facilities, providers of religious services and cultural ceremonies, outdoor dining, campgrounds and outdoor pools.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040 AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA ("HEALTH OFFICER") ORDERS:

1. This Order supersedes the Prior Order. This Order amends, clarifies, and continues certain terms of the Prior Order to ensure continued social distancing and limit person-to-person contact to reduce the rate of transmission of COVID-19. This Order continues to restrict activities, travel, governmental and business functions. But in light of progress



achieved in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in the County of Contra Costa (the “County”), and in accordance with a variance obtained by the County from the State of California on June 9, 2020, which allows the County to move more quickly, or in a different order, through Stage 2 of the State of California’s COVID-19 roadmap to recovery, this Order eases restrictions to allow additional businesses to resume or begin operating, subject to conditions set forth in applicable industry guidelines issued by the State. This Order also modifies restrictions that applied to outdoor recreation activities, childcare facilities, outdoor dining, campgrounds and outdoor pools. The gradual and measured easing of restrictions is designed to manage the overall volume, duration, and intensity of person-to-person contact to prevent a surge in COVID-19 cases in the County and neighboring counties. As further provided in Section 11 below, the Health Officer will continue to monitor the risks of the activities and businesses allowed under this Order based on the COVID-19 Indicators (as defined in Section 11) and other data, and may, as conditions support doing so, ease more restrictions and add to the list of Additional Businesses and Additional Activities. The activities allowed by this Order will be assessed on an ongoing basis and these activities and others allowed by the Order may need to be modified (including, without limitation, temporarily restricted or prohibited) if the risk associated with COVID-19 increases in the future. As of the effective date and time of this Order set forth in Section 18 below, all individuals, businesses, and government agencies in the County are required to follow the provisions of this Order.

2. The primary intent of this Order is to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the County and mitigate the impact on delivery of critical healthcare services. All provisions of this Order must be interpreted to effectuate this intent. 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.
3. Individuals living within the County may leave their residences only for the purposes specified in Section 15 of this Order. Individuals in the County who do not reside in the County must comply with all applicable requirements of 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, as soon as possible, to make such shelter available and provide handwashing or hand sanitation facilities to persons who continue experiencing homelessness.
4. When people leave their place of residence for the limited purposes allowed in this Order, they must strictly comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 15.k, except as expressly provided in this Order, and must wear face coverings as provided in, and subject to the limited exceptions in, Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-08 (the “Face Covering Order”).
5. Gatherings.
 - a. Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-01, which prohibited mass gatherings of 100 or more persons, is rescinded. Except as set forth elsewhere in this Order, all



public and private gatherings of individuals who are not members of the same household or living unit are prohibited. Nothing in this Order prohibits members of a single household or living unit from engaging together in the activities authorized by this Order.

- b. Public and private gatherings of persons in a “Social Bubble,” as defined below, may take place if the gathering takes place outside and participants comply with all other requirements of this Order. Persons in Social Bubbles are not required to strictly adhere to Social Distancing Requirements while participating in gatherings authorized under this section; however, participants over 12 years of age are strongly encouraged to maintain six-foot social distancing from each other and wear face coverings. The following definitions apply to this subsection:
 - i. “Social Bubble” means a Stable Group of 12 that forms either a Household Support Unit, a Childcare Unit, or a Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit, for the purpose of engaging in activities allowed under this Order.
 - ii. “Stable Group of 12” means a group of not more than 12 individuals over a three-week time period that is a Household Support Unit, a Childcare Unit, or a Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit.
 - iii. “Household Support Unit” means a Stable Group of 12 that is formed for the purpose of engaging in the sort of support and activities that are typical of members of the same household (e.g., childcare, family recreation, etc.), regardless of whether they physically occupy the same dwelling. Each person may be part of only one Household Support Unit, and every resident of a single dwelling unit must be part of the same Household Support Unit, except that a child who resides in more than one dwelling unit as part of a court-ordered shared custody arrangement may be part of the Household Support Unit of each of the child’s custodians.
 - iv. “Childcare Unit” means a Stable Group of 12 (typically 10 children and 1-2 adults) that is formed for the purposes of the Essential Business of childcare under Section 15.f.xxvi. of the Order. Each person (adult or child) may be a part of only a single Childcare Unit, but children in the same household may be part of separate, age-appropriate Childcare Units.
 - v. “Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit” means a Stable Group of 12 (typically 10 children and 1-2 adults) that is formed for the purpose of organized recreation under 15.a.iii. Each person (adult or child) may be part of only one Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit, but children in the same household may be part of separate, age-appropriate Extracurricular Activity Units.



6. Businesses with a facility in the County may operate if they are Essential Businesses as defined in Section 15.f, Outdoor Businesses as defined in Section 15.l, or Additional Businesses as defined in Section 15.n. Outdoor Businesses must conduct all business and transactions involving members of the public outdoors. Businesses that are not Essential Businesses, Outdoor Businesses or Additional Businesses may not operate, except as follows:
 - a. All businesses may conduct Minimum Basic Operations, as described in Section 15.g of this Order.
 - b. All businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of owners, personnel, volunteers, or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home).

All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open. Telework is strongly encouraged at all businesses.

7. As a condition of continued or resumed operations, business operators must prepare or update, post, implement, and distribute to their personnel a Social Distancing Protocol for each of their facilities in the County frequented by personnel or members of the public, as specified in Section 15.h. In addition to the Social Distancing Protocol, all businesses allowed to operate under this Order must follow applicable industry-specific guidance issued by the State of California related to COVID-19, set forth at <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>, and any conditions on operation specified in this Order, including, with regard to Additional Businesses, those specified in Appendix C-1. Except as allowed in Appendix C-1, businesses that include an Essential Business or Outdoor Business component at their facilities alongside other components must, to the extent feasible, scale down their operations to the Essential Business and Outdoor Business components only; provided, however, mixed retail businesses that are otherwise allowed to operate under this Order may continue to stock and sell non-essential products.
8. All travel, except Essential Travel, as defined below in Section 15.i, is prohibited. People may use public transit only for purposes of performing activities permitted under this Order. Transit agencies and people riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements, as defined in Section 15.k, to the greatest extent feasible, and personnel and passengers must wear Face Coverings as required by the Face Covering Order. Any travel into or out of the County not expressly permitted by this Order is prohibited.
9. This Order is issued based on evidence of continued significant community transmission of COVID-19 within the County; 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 disease in the general public, which is 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 COVID-19 have no symptoms or have mild symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus and are transmitting it to others. Further, evidence shows that the virus can survive for hours to days on surfaces and be indirectly transmitted between individuals. Because even people without symptoms can transmit the infection, and because evidence shows the infection is easily spread, gatherings and other direct or indirect interpersonal interactions can result in preventable transmission of the virus.

10. 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. As of June 15, 2020, a total of 1,983 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County have been reported (up from 34 on March 15, 2020, just before the first shelter-in-place order). The cumulative number of confirmed cases continues to increase, though the rate of increase has slowed in the weeks leading up to this Order. Evidence suggests that the restrictions on mobility and social distancing requirements imposed by the Prior Order (and the orders that preceded it) are slowing the rate of increase in community transmission and confirmed cases by limiting interactions among people, consistent with scientific evidence of the efficacy of similar measures in other parts of the country and world.
11. The Health Officer is monitoring several key indicators ("COVID-19 Indicators"), which are among the many factors informing decisions whether to modify restrictions imposed to slow the spread of COVID-19. Progress on all of these COVID-19 Indicators — specifically related to case numbers, hospital utilization and capacity, supply of personal protective equipment, and contact tracing — makes it appropriate, at this time, to allow more Additional Businesses to resume operations and ease some other restrictions. But the continued prevalence of the virus that causes COVID-19 requires many activities and business functions to remain restricted, and those activities that are allowed to occur must do so subject to social distancing and other infection control practices identified by the Health Officer. Evaluation of the COVID-19 Indicators will be critical to determinations by the local health officers regarding whether the restrictions imposed by this Order will be further modified to ease or tighten the restrictions imposed by this Order and augment, limit, or prohibit the Additional Businesses and Additional Activities allowed to resume. The Health Officer will continually review whether modifications to the Order are warranted 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. 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.
12. 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. This Order is necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19, preserving critical and limited healthcare capacity in the County and advancing toward a point in the public health emergency where transmission can be controlled. At the same time, since the Prior Order was issued, the County has continued to make 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, in addition to those already allowed to operate under the Prior Order as Essential Businesses, Outdoor Businesses and Additional Businesses, it is appropriate at this time to allow the operation of more Additional Businesses. These businesses are identified based on health-related considerations and transmission risk factors including, but not limited to, the intensity and quantity of contacts and the ability to substantially mitigate transmission risks associated with the operations, and guidance issued by the State of California.
13. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020, Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and the March 10, 2020, Proclamation by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors declaring the existence 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 on non-residential business activities, effective until further notice, and the Governor’s March 19, 2020, Executive Order N-33-20 directing California residents to follow the State Shelter Order. The May 4, 2020, Executive Order issued by Governor Newsom and May 7, 2020, Order of the State Public Health Officer permit certain businesses to reopen if a local health officer believes the conditions in that jurisdictions warrant it, but expressly acknowledge the authority of local health officers to establish and implement public health measures within their respective jurisdictions that are more restrictive than those implemented by the State Public Health Officer. 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 enumerates additional restrictions on non-work-related travel not covered by the State Shelter Order; sets forth mandatory Social Distancing Requirements for all individuals in the County when engaged in activities outside their residences; and sets forth a mechanism to ensure that all businesses with facilities that are allowed to operate under the Order comply with the Social Distancing Requirements. Where this Order is more restrictive than a state public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, this Order controls. 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. Requirements and Exemptions. Individuals may leave their residence to do the following:

- a. Individuals may leave their residence to perform the following “Essential Activities.” But people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are strongly urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible, except as necessary to seek or provide medical care or Essential Governmental Functions. Essential Activities are:
 - i. 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.
 - ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, 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 supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products, or products



necessary to maintain the habitability, sanitation, and operation of residences.

- iii. To engage in outdoor recreation activity, including, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, bicycling, and running, in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements and subject to restrictions in applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-campgrounds.pdf>).
 - iv. To perform work for or access an Essential Business, Outdoor Business, or Additional Business; or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations, as defined in this Section.
 - v. To provide necessary care for a family member or pet in another household who has no other source of care.
 - vi. To attend a funeral.
 - vii. To move residences. When moving into or out of the Bay Area region, 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.
 - viii. To engage in Outdoor Activities or Additional Activities.
- b. Individuals may leave their residence to work for, volunteer at, or obtain services at “Healthcare Operations,” including, without limitation, hospitals, clinics, COVID-19 testing locations, dentists, pharmacies, blood banks and blood drives, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. “Healthcare Operations” also include veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption for Healthcare Operations shall be construed broadly to avoid any interference with the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. “Healthcare Operations” excludes fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.
- c. Individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operation and maintenance of “Essential Infrastructure,” including airports, utilities (including water, sewer, gas, and electrical), oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste facilities (including collection, removal, disposal, recycling, and processing facilities), cemeteries, mortuaries, crematoriums, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for internet, computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services).



- d. All first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel, and others who need to perform essential services are categorically exempt from this Order to the extent they are performing those essential services. Further, 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 personnel, volunteers, or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions, including the hiring or retention of new personnel 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 Requirements to the greatest extent feasible.
- e. A “business” includes any for-profit, non-profit, 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.
- f. “Essential Businesses” are:
 - i. Healthcare Operations and businesses that operate, maintain, or repair Essential Infrastructure;
 - ii. Grocery stores, certified farmers’ markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of unprepared food, canned food, dry goods, non-alcoholic beverages, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, as well as hygienic products and household consumer products necessary for personal hygiene or the habitability, sanitation, or operation of residences. The businesses included in this subparagraph (ii) include establishments that sell multiple categories of products provided that they sell a significant amount of essential products identified in this subparagraph, such as liquor stores that also sell a significant amount of food.
 - iii. Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
 - iv. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;
 - v. Construction, but only pursuant to the Construction Safety Protocols listed in Appendix B-1 or Appendix B-2, whichever is applicable. Public works



projects shall also be subject to Appendix B-1 or Appendix B-2, whichever is applicable, except if other protocols are specified by the Health Officer. Appendix B-1 and Appendix B-2 are incorporated into this Order by this reference;

- vi. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;
- vii. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair (including, but not limited to, for cars, trucks, motorcycles and motorized scooters), and automotive dealerships, but only for the purpose of providing auto-supply and auto-repair services. This subparagraph (vii) does not restrict the on-line purchase of automobiles if they are delivered to a residence or Essential Business;
- viii. Bicycle repair and supply shops;
- ix. Banks and related financial institutions;
- x. Service providers that enable real estate transactions (including rentals, leases, and home sales), including, but not limited to, real estate agents, escrow agents, notaries, and title companies, provided that appointments and other residential real estate viewings must only occur virtually or, if a virtual viewing is not feasible, by appointment with no more than two visitors at a time residing within the same household or living unit and one individual showing the unit (except that in person visits are not allowed when the occupant is present in the residence);
- xi. Hardware stores;
- xii. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the habitability, sanitation, or operation of residences and Essential Businesses;
- xiii. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
- xiv. Educational institutions—including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities—for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions, or as allowed under subparagraph xxvi, provided that social distancing of six-feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible;
- xv. Laundromats, drycleaners, and laundry service providers;
- xvi. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free



food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so under this Order on the condition that the food is provided to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. Schools and other entities that provide food services under this exemption shall not permit the food to be eaten at the site where it is provided, or at any other gathering site;

- xvii. Funeral home providers, mortuaries, cemeteries, and crematoriums, to the extent necessary for the transport, preparation, or processing of bodies or remains;
- xviii. Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses, Outdoor Businesses or Additional Businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate, but only to the extent that they support or supply these businesses. This exemption shall not be used as a basis for engaging in sales to the general public from retail storefronts;
- xix. Businesses that have the primary function of shipping or delivering groceries, food, or other goods directly to residences or businesses. This exemption shall not be used to allow for manufacturing or assembly of non-essential products or for other functions besides those necessary to the delivery operation;
- xx. Airlines, taxis, rental car companies, rideshare services (including shared bicycles and scooters), and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;
- xxi. Home-based care for seniors, adults, children, and pets;
- xxii. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;
- xxiii. Professional services, such as legal, notary, or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with non-elective, legally required activities or in relation to death or incapacity;
- xxiv. Services to assist individuals in finding employment with Essential Businesses;
- xxv. Moving services that facilitate residential or commercial moves that are allowed under this Order; and
- xxvi. Childcare establishments, summer camps, and other educational or recreational institutions or programs providing care or supervision for children of all ages. These operations must comply with industry guidance issued by the State of California, including updated guidance for



child care programs and providers (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-childcare.pdf>) and guidance for day camps (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-daycamps.pdf>), to the extent applicable. It is recommended that children remain in groups as small as possible, preferably stable groups of 12 or less.

- g. “Minimum Basic Operations” means the following activities for businesses, provided that owners, personnel, and contractors comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined this Section, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:
 - 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; provide for the delivery of existing inventory directly to residences or businesses; and related functions. For clarity, this section does not permit businesses to provide curbside pickup to customers.
 - 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.
- h. All businesses that are operating at facilities in the County visited or used by the public or personnel must, as a condition of such operation, prepare and post a “Social Distancing Protocol” for each of these facilities; provided, however, that construction activities shall instead comply with the Construction Project Safety Protocols set forth in Appendix B-1 or Appendix B-2, whichever is applicable, and not the Social Distancing Protocol. The Social Distancing Protocol must be substantially in the form attached to this Order as Appendix A, incorporated into this Order by reference, and it must be updated from prior versions to address new requirements listed in this Order or in related guidance or directives from the Health Officer. 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 personnel. A copy of the Social Distancing Protocol must also be provided to each person performing work at the facility. All businesses subject to this paragraph shall implement the Social Distancing Protocol and provide evidence of its implementation 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 Essential Business activity;



- ii. Requiring face coverings to be worn by all persons entering the facility, other than those exempted from face covering requirements (e.g. young children);
 - iii. Where lines may form at a facility, marking six-foot increments at a minimum, establishing where individuals should stand to maintain adequate social distancing;
 - iv. 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 personnel, and in locations where there is high-frequency employee interaction with members of the public (e.g. cashiers);
 - v. 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;
 - vi. Regularly disinfecting other high-touch surfaces;
 - vii. Posting a sign at the entrance of the facility informing all personnel and customers that they should: avoid entering the facility if they have any COVID-19 symptoms; 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
 - viii. 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>).
- i. Individuals may leave their residence to engage in "Essential Travel." Essential Travel means travel for any of the following purposes:
- i. Travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses, Minimum Basic Operations, Outdoor Activities, Outdoor Businesses, Additional Activities, and Additional Businesses.
 - ii. Travel to care for any elderly, minors, dependents, or persons with disabilities.
 - 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 County.



- 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 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.
- j. “Residences” include hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities. Residences also include living structures and outdoor spaces associated with those living structures, such as patios, porches, backyards, and front yards that are only accessible to a single family or household unit.
- k. “Social Distancing Requirements” means:
- i. Maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from individuals who are not part of the same household, living unit or Social Bubble;
 - 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 orders or guidance of the Health Officer; and
 - v. Avoiding all social interaction outside the household when sick with a fever, cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms.

All individuals must strictly comply with Social Distancing Requirements, except 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 Essential Businesses, Essential Governmental Functions, or provide for Minimum Basic Operations; or as otherwise expressly provided in this Order. Outdoor Activities, Outdoor Businesses, Additional Activities and Additional Businesses must strictly adhere to these Social Distancing Requirements.

l. “Outdoor Businesses” means:

- i. The following businesses that normally operated primarily outdoors prior to March 16, 2020, and where there is the ability to fully maintain social distancing of at least six feet between all persons:
 1. Businesses primarily operated outdoors, such as wholesale and retail plant nurseries, agricultural operations, and garden centers.
 2. Service providers that primarily provide outdoor services, such as landscaping and gardening services, and environmental site remediation services.

For clarity, “Outdoor Businesses” do not include outdoor restaurants, cafes, or bars, or businesses that promote large, coordinated, and prolonged gatherings, such as outdoor concert venues and amusement parks.

m. “Outdoor Activities” means:

- i. To obtain goods, services, or supplies from, or perform work for, an Outdoor Business.
 - ii. To engage in outdoor recreation as permitted in Section 15.a.
- n. “Additional Business” means any business, entity, or other organization identified as an Additional Business in Appendix C-1, which will be updated as warranted based on the Health Officer’s ongoing evaluation of the COVID-19 Indicators and other data. In addition to the other requirements in this Order, operation of those Additional Businesses is subject to any conditions and health and safety requirements set forth in Appendix C-1 and in applicable industry-specific guidance issued by the State of California. Appendix C-1 is incorporated into this Order by this reference.

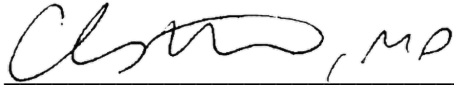


- o. “Additional Activities” means:
 - i. To obtain goods, services, or supplies from, or perform work for, Additional Businesses identified in Appendix C-1, subject to any conditions and health and safety requirements set forth in this Order and any applicable industry-specific guidance issued by the State of California.
 - ii. To engage in activities set forth in Appendix C-2, which will be updated as warranted based on the Health Officer’s ongoing evaluation of the COVID-19 Indicators and other data. Engagement in Additional Activities is subject to applicable conditions and health and safety requirements set forth in this Order and Appendix C-2. Appendix C-2 is incorporated into this Order by this reference.
- 16. 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 Requirements, including adequate provision of hand sanitizer. Also, individuals experiencing homelessness who are unsheltered and living in encampments should, to the maximum extent feasible, abide by 12 foot by 12 foot distancing for the placement of tents, and government agencies should provide restroom and hand washing facilities for individuals in such encampments 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>).
- 17. 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 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.
- 18. This Order shall become effective at 6 a.m. on June 17, 2020, and will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
- 19. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the Office of the Director of Contra Costa Health Services, 1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 200, Martinez, CA 94553; (2) posted on the Contra Costa Health Services website (<https://www.cchealth.org>); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order. Questions or comments regarding this Order may be directed to Contra Costa Health Services at (844) 729-8410.



20. If any provision of this Order or its application 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:



Chris Farnitano, M.D.
Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa

Dated: June 16, 2020

Attachments:

- Appendix A – Social Distancing Protocol (updated June 16, 2020)
- Appendix B-1 – Small Construction Project Safety Protocol
- Appendix B-2 – Large Construction Project Safety Protocol (updated June 16, 2020)
- Appendix C-1 – Additional Businesses (updated June 16, 2020)
- Appendix C-2 – Additional Activities (updated June 5, 2020)



Appendix A: Social Distancing Protocol (Updated June 16, 2020)

Business name:

Facility Address:

Approximate gross square footage of space open to the public:

Businesses must implement all applicable measures listed below, and be prepared to explain why any measure that is not implemented is inapplicable to the business.

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 coverings, 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.

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.

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

☐ Employees are required to wear face coverings, 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):

☐ 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:



Appendix A: Social Distancing Protocol (Updated June 16, 2020)

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 _____, 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:

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:

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 permitting customers to bring their own bags, mugs, or other reusable items from home that must be handled by employees. Customers bringing their own reusable items that do not require handling by employees is permissible.
- ☐ Providing for contactless payment systems or, if not feasible, sanitizing payment systems regularly. Describe:
- ☐ Optional—Describe other measures (e.g. providing senior-only hours):



Appendix A: Social Distancing Protocol (Updated June 16, 2020)

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

- ☐ Disinfecting wipes that are effective against COVID-19 are available near 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:



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Large Construction Project Safety Protocol (Updated June 16, 2020)

1. Any construction project meeting any of the following specifications is subject to this Large Construction Project Safety Protocol (“LCP Protocol”), including public works projects unless otherwise specified by the Health Officer:
 - a. For residential construction projects, any single-family, multi-family, senior, student, or other residential construction, renovation, or remodel project consisting of more than 10 units.
 - b. For commercial construction projects, any construction, renovation, or tenant improvement project consisting of more than 20,000 square feet of floor area.
 - c. For construction of Essential Infrastructure, as defined in section 16.c of the Order, any project that requires five or more workers at the jobsite at any one time.
2. The following restrictions and requirements must be in place at all construction job sites subject to this LCP Protocol:
 - a. Comply with all applicable and current laws and regulations including but not limited to OSHA and Cal-OSHA. If there is any conflict, difference or discrepancy between or among applicable laws and regulations and/or this LCP Protocol, the stricter standard will apply.
 - b. Prepare a new or updated Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan to address COVID-19-related issues, post the Plan on-site at all entrances and exits, and produce a copy of the Plan to County governmental authorities upon request. The Plan must be translated as necessary to ensure that all non-English speaking workers are able to understand the Plan.
 - c. Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) specifically for use in construction, including gloves, goggles, face shields, and face coverings as appropriate for the activity being performed. At no time may a contractor secure or use medical-grade PPE, unless required due to the medical nature of a job site. Face Coverings must be worn in compliance with Section 5 of the Health Officer’s Order No. HO-COVID19-08, dated April 17, 2020, or any subsequently issued or amended order.
 - d. Ensure that employees are trained in the use of PPE. Maintain and make available a log of all PPE training provided to employees and monitor all employees to ensure proper use of the PPE.
 - e. Prohibit sharing of PPE.



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- f. Implement social distancing requirements including, at minimum:
 - i. Stagger stop- and start-times for shift schedules to reduce the quantity of workers at the jobsite at any one time to the extent feasible.
 - ii. Stagger trade-specific work to minimize the quantity of workers at the jobsite at any one time.
 - iii. Require social distancing by maintaining a minimum six-foot distance between workers at all times, except as strictly necessary to carry out a task associated with the project.
 - iv. Prohibit gatherings of any size on the jobsite, except for safety meetings or as strictly necessary to carry out a task associated with the project.
 - v. Strictly control “choke points” and “high-risk areas” where workers are unable to maintain minimum six-foot social distancing and prohibit or limit use to ensure that minimum six-foot distancing can easily be maintained between workers.
 - vi. Minimize interactions and maintain social distancing with all site visitors, including delivery workers, design professional and other project consultants, government agency representatives, including building and fire inspectors, and residents at residential construction sites.
 - vii. Prohibit workers from using others’ phones or desks. Any work tools or equipment that must be used by more than one worker must be cleaned with disinfectants that are effective against COVID-19 before use by a new worker.
 - viii. Place wash stations or hand sanitizers that are effective against COVID-19 at entrances to the jobsite and in multiple locations dispersed throughout the jobsite as warranted.
 - ix. Maintain a daily attendance log of all workers and visitors that includes contact information, including name, address, phone number, and email.
 - x. Post a notice in an area visible to all workers and visitors instructing workers and visitors to do the following:
 - 1. Do not touch your face with unwashed hands or with gloves.
 - 2. Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - 3. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machines, shared tools, elevator control buttons, and doorknobs.
 - 4. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing or cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm at your elbow/sleeve.
 - 5. Do not enter the jobsite if you have a fever, cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms. If you feel sick, or have been exposed to anyone who is sick, stay at home.
 - 6. Constantly observe your work distances in relation to other staff. Maintain the recommended minimum six-feet distancing at all times when not wearing the necessary PPE for working in close proximity to another person.
 - 7. Do not share phones or PPE.



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- xi. The notice in section 2.f.x must be translated as necessary to ensure that all non-English speaking workers are able to understand the notice.
- g. Implement cleaning and sanitization practices in accordance with the following:
 - i. Frequently clean and sanitize, in accordance with CDC guidelines, all high-traffic and high-touch areas including, at a minimum: meeting areas, jobsite lunch and break areas, entrances and exits to the jobsite, jobsite trailers, hand-washing areas, tools, equipment, jobsite restroom areas, stairs, elevators, and lifts.
 - ii. Establish a cleaning and decontamination protocol prior to entry and exit of the jobsite and post the protocol at entrances and exits of jobsite.
 - iii. Supply all personnel performing cleaning and sanitization with proper PPE to prevent them from contracting COVID-19. Employees must not share PPE.
 - iv. Establish adequate time in the workday to allow for proper cleaning and decontamination including prior to starting at or leaving the jobsite for the day.
- h. Implement a COVID-19 community spread reduction plan as part of the Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan that includes, at minimum, the following restrictions and requirements:
 - i. Prohibit all carpooling to and from the jobsite except by workers living within the same household unit, or as necessary for workers who have no alternative means of transportation.
 - ii. Cal-OSHA requires employers to provide water, which should be provided in single-serve containers. Prohibit any sharing of any food or beverage and if sharing is observed, the worker must be sent home for the day.
 - iii. Prohibit use of microwaves, water coolers, and other similar shared equipment.
- i. Assign a COVID-19 Safety Compliance Officer (SCO) to the jobsite and ensure the SCO's name is posted on the Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan. The SCO must:
 - i. Ensure implementation of all recommended safety and sanitation requirements regarding the COVID-19 virus at the jobsite.
 - ii. Compile daily written verification that each jobsite is compliant with the components of this LCP Protocol. Each written verification form must be copied, stored, and made immediately available upon request by any County official.
 - iii. Establish a daily screening protocol for arriving staff, to ensure that potentially infected staff do not enter the construction site. If workers leave the jobsite and return the same day, establish a cleaning and decontamination protocol prior to entry and exit of the jobsite. Post the daily screening protocol at all entrances and exit to the jobsite. More information on screening can be found online at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>.
 - iv. Conduct daily briefings in person or by teleconference that must cover the following topics:
 - 1. New jobsite rules and pre-job site travel restrictions for the prevention of COVID-19 community spread.
 - 2. Review of sanitation and hygiene procedures.
 - 3. Solicitation of worker feedback on improving safety and sanitation.
 - 4. Coordination of construction site daily cleaning/sanitation requirements.
 - 5. Conveying updated information regarding COVID-19.



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6. Emergency protocols in the event of an exposure or suspected exposure to COVID-19.
 - v. Develop and ensure implementation of a remediation plan to address any non-compliance with this LCP Protocol and post remediation plan at entrance and exit of jobsite during remediation period. The remediation plan must be translated as necessary to ensure that all non-English speaking workers are able to understand the document.
 - vi. The SCO must not permit any construction activity to continue without bringing such activity into compliance with these requirements.
 - vii. Report repeated non-compliance with this LCP Protocol to the appropriate jobsite supervisors and a designated County official.
- j. Assign a COVID-19 Third-Party Jobsite Safety Accountability Supervisor (JSAS) for the jobsite, who at a minimum holds an OSHA-30 certificate and first-aid training within the past two years, who must be trained in the protocols herein and verify compliance, including by visual inspection and random interviews with workers, with this LCP Protocol.
- i. Within seven calendar days of each jobsite visit, the JSAS must complete a written assessment identifying any failure to comply with this LCP Protocol. The written assessment must be copied, stored, and, upon request by the County, sent to a designated County official.
 - ii. If the JSAS discovers that a jobsite is not in compliance with this LCP Protocol, the JSAS must work with the SCO to develop and implement a remediation plan.
 - iii. The JSAS must coordinate with the SCO to prohibit continuation of any work activity not in compliance with rules stated herein until addressed and the continuing work is compliant.
 - iv. The remediation plan must be sent to a designated County official within five calendar days of the JSAS's discovery of the failure to comply.
- k. In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at any jobsite, the following must take place:
- i. Immediately remove the infected individual from the jobsite with directions to seek medical care.
 - ii. Each location the infected worker was at must be decontaminated and sanitized. Work in these locations must cease until decontamination and sanitization is complete.
 - iii. The County Public Health Department must be notified immediately and any additional requirements per the County health officials must be completed, including full compliance with any tracing efforts by the County.
- l. Where construction work occurs within an occupied residential unit, any separate work area must be sealed off from the remainder of the unit with physical barriers such as plastic sheeting or closed doors sealed with tape to the extent feasible. If possible, workers must access the work area from an alternative entry/exit door to the entry/exit door used by residents. Available windows and exhaust fans must be used to ventilate the work area. If residents have access to the work area between workdays, the work area must be cleaned and



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sanitized at the beginning and at the end of workdays. Every effort must be taken to minimize contact between workers and residents, including maintaining a minimum of six feet of social distancing at all times.

- m. Where construction work occurs within common areas of an occupied residential or commercial building or a mixed-use building in use by on-site employees or residents, any separate work area must be sealed off from the rest of the common areas with physical barriers such as plastic sheeting or closed doors sealed with tape to the extent feasible. If possible, workers must access the work area from an alternative building entry/exit door to the building entry/exit door used by residents or other users of the building. Every effort must be taken to minimize contact between worker and building residents and users, including maintaining a minimum of six feet of social distancing at all times.



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Appendix C-1: Additional Businesses Permitted to Operate (Updated June 16, 2020)

General Requirements

The “Additional Businesses” listed below may operate, subject to the requirements set forth in the Order and to any additional requirements set forth below or in separate industry-specific guidance by the Health Officer. These businesses were selected based on guidance issued by the State of California and to implement a measured expansion of commercial activity based on health-related considerations, including the risks of COVID-19 transmission associated with types and modes of business operations, the ability to substantially mitigate transmission risks associated with the operations, and related factors, such as the following:

- **Increase in mobility and volume of activity**—the overall impact the reopening will have on the number of people leaving their homes and traveling to work at or access the business;
- **Contact intensity**—the type (close or distant) and duration (brief or prolonged) of the contact involved in the business;
- **Number of contacts**—the approximate number of people that will be in the setting at the same time;
- **Modification potential**—the degree to which mitigation measures can decrease the risk of transmission.

To mitigate the risk of transmission to the greatest extent possible, before resuming or commencing operations, each Additional Business must:

- a. Prepare, post, implement, and distribute to their Personnel, as defined below, a Social Distancing Protocol as specified in Section 15.h. of the Order for each of its facilities in the County frequented by their Personnel or members of the public; and
- b. Prepare, post, implement, and distribute to its Personnel a written health and safety plan that addresses all applicable best practices set forth in relevant Health Officer directives.

As used in this Appendix C-1, “Personnel” means the following people who provide goods or services associated with the Additional Business: Employees; contractors and sub-contractors (such as those who sell goods or perform services onsite or who deliver goods for the business); independent contractors (such as “gig workers” who perform work via the Additional Business’ app or other online interface); vendors who are permitted to sell goods onsite; volunteers; and other individuals who provide services onsite at the request of the Additional Business.

Each Additional Business must comply with Social Distancing Requirements, described in Section 15.k. of the Order, as well as all applicable industry-specific guidance issued by the State of California related to COVID-19, set forth at <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>. Additionally, each Additional Business must comply with Section 5 of the Face Covering Order.

List of Additional Businesses

For purposes of the Order, Additional Businesses include all of the following:



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(1) **Retail Stores and Retail Supply Chain Businesses**

- a. **Basis for Addition.** The State of California has determined that retail businesses, and manufacturing and logistics and warehousing businesses that support retail businesses, may resume operation, subject to more restrictive local public health measures. Retail stores to which this provision applies includes, but is not limited to, bookstores, jewelry stores, toy stores, clothing and shoe stores, home and furnishing stores, sporting goods stores and florists. For clarity, this provision does not apply to personal service businesses such as beauty salons.
- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate.**
 1. **Curbside/Outside Pickup.** All retail stores may operate for curbside or other outdoor pickup, subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail.pdf>) and all of the following conditions:
 - (a) If a store is not open for indoor shopping, it may not display merchandise for sale on tables or otherwise outside the store, and customers may not enter the store.
 - (b) The store must have access to an area or areas outside the store for customer pickups. Subject to local requirements, a pickup area may be curbside, on a sidewalk, in a parking lot, or in any other area that is suitable for customer pickups and not in an enclosed space.
 - (c) The store must employ reasonable measures to require customers to comply with Social Distancing Requirements at the pickup areas, including but not limited to marking locations at six-foot intervals for customers to stand while waiting in line.
 - (d) The store must limit the number of Personnel in enclosed areas so that Personnel can comply with Social Distancing Requirements.
 - (e) The store must employ reasonable measures to prevent pedestrian or vehicle congestion in the vicinity of the pickup area.
 2. **Indoor Retail.** All retail businesses may operate for indoor shopping, subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail.pdf>). The number of Personnel and customers inside the store or other enclosed space must be limited so that Personnel and customers can comply with Social Distancing Requirements.
 3. **Shopping Malls, Shopping Centers and Swap Meets.** Shopping malls, shopping centers and swap meets may resume operations subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-shopping-centers.pdf>). Prior to opening, the operator of an indoor shopping mall must prepare and obtain the Health Officer's approval of a COVID-19 prevention



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plan. The plan must address and describe with particularity how the facility will implement the preventive measures described in the guidance document. The plan must be submitted to the Health Officer at the Office of the Director of Contra Costa Health Services, 1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 200, Martinez, CA 94553.

4. Manufacturing. Manufacturing businesses permitted to operate under the state Resilience Roadmap (<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>), as it is amended from time to time, may operate, subject to applicable guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-manufacturing.pdf>). Manufacturers must also limit the number of Personnel in enclosed areas so that Personnel can comply with Social Distancing Requirements.
5. Logistics and Warehousing Facilities. Logistics and warehousing facilities permitted to operate under the State of California Resilience Roadmap (<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>), as it is amended from time to time, may operate, subject to applicable guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-logistics-warehousing.pdf>). Logistics and warehousing facilities must also limit the number of Personnel in enclosed areas so that Personnel can comply with Social Distancing Requirements.

(2) **Limited Services That Do Not Generally Require Close Customer Contact**

- a. Basis for Addition: The State of California has determined that businesses providing limited services that do not generally require close customer contract may resume operation, subject to more restrictive local health measures.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate: Businesses that offer limited services that do not require close customer contact include, by way of example and without limitation, car washes, pet groomers and dog walkers, and businesses that provide services inside residences and community facilities where social distancing can be maintained, such as residential and janitorial cleaning services, heating, ventilation and air conditioning services, appliance repair persons, electricians, plumbers, other mechanical tradespersons, and general contractors. These businesses may operate subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-limited-services.pdf>).

(3) **Providers of Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies**

- a. Basis for Addition: The State of California has determined that places of worship and providers of religious services and cultural ceremonies may resume specified in-person activities under certain limitations.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate: Places of worship and cultural ceremonies and providers of religious services and cultural ceremonies may hold in-person religious services and cultural ceremonies, subject to applicable guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>). Because in-person events, including in-person religious services and cultural ceremonies, can involve extended periods of close contact, increasing the risk of transmission of



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COVID-19, it is recommended that event organizers consider maintaining contact information of attendees at services or ceremonies and that this information be kept by the event's organizer for at least 14 days after the event. The purpose of this recommendation is to assist Contra Costa Health Services with effective contact tracing in case of an outbreak that may have affected people attending the event.

(4) **Office Workplaces**

- a. **Basis for Addition:** The State of California has determined that office workplaces may resume operation.
- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate:** All office workplaces may open for business, subject to restrictions in applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-office-workspaces.pdf>).

(5) **Outdoor Museums and Other Outdoor Exhibit Spaces**

- a. **Basis for Addition:** The State of California has determined that outdoor museums, open air galleries, botanical gardens, and other outdoor exhibit spaces (collectively "Outdoor Museums") may resume limited operation.
- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate:** Outdoor Museums may operate subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-outdoor-museums.pdf>). Outdoor Museums do not include zoos or amusement parks. Associated indoor areas such as cafes, restaurants and convention spaces must remain closed until full operations are authorized.

(6) **Libraries**

- a. **Basis for Addition:** The State of California has determined that libraries may operate for curbside pickup.
- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate:** Libraries that have not been determined by a government entity to be providing Essential Government Functions may operate for curbside pickup only, subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail.pdf>).

(7) **Drive-in Theaters**

- a. **Basis for Addition:** The State of California has determined that drive-in theaters may operate.
- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate:** Drive-in theaters may operate subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail.pdf>).



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(8) Employers of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers

- a. Basis for Addition: The State of California has identified a list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” in 13 sectors that perform functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. Because these workers have been determined to be essential, it is necessary to categorize their employers as Additional Businesses, to the extent they are not Essential Businesses as defined by the Order, for the purposes of authorizing these workers to carry out their essential work.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate: Any business that employs Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers, as defined by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/>), may resume operations carried out by its essential workforce, subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>).

(9) Outdoor Dining

- a. Basis for Addition: Outdoor dining provides access to freshly prepared meals at a relatively low risk of transmission. Because food service will be limited to outdoor areas, the overall volume of increased activity will be modest. In addition, interactions and activities that occur outdoors carry a lower risk of transmission than most indoor interactions and activities. Risks associated with these operations can be substantially mitigated through measures that provide for adequate social distancing.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate: Restaurants and other food facilities that provide sit-down food service may provide outdoor, sit-down meals, subject to the following limitations:
 1. Alcohol may be sold to patrons in conjunction with a meal, but it may not be sold separately.
 2. Bar areas must remain closed to customers.
 3. All food facilities authorized to open under this provision must comply with applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-dine-in-restaurants.pdf>). The State requires the following:
 - Brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, and wineries should remain closed until those establishments are allowed to resume modified or full operation **unless they are offering sit-down, dine-in meals. Alcohol can only be sold in the same transaction as a meal.**
 - Dine-in restaurants, brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, and wineries that provide sit-down meals should follow the restaurant guidance below and should continue to **encourage takeout and delivery service whenever possible.**



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- Brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, and wineries that do not provide sit-down meals themselves, but can contract with another vendor to do so, can serve dine-in meals provided both businesses follow the guidance below and alcohol is only sold in the same transaction as a meal.

(10) **Campgrounds, Recreational Vehicle Parks and Outdoor Recreation Facilities**

- a. **Basis for Addition:** Current conditions in the County allow for the opening of sectors of the economy considered to present a moderate risk of transmission with the mitigation steps set forth in State guidance documents. Activities at campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks and outdoor recreation facilities all present a moderate risk of transmission because the activities take place outside.
- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate:** Campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks and outdoor recreation facilities may operate subject to the applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-campgrounds.pdf>). Outdoor pools are also subject to the following conditions:
 1. The maximum occupancy of the pool must be limited to a number that is less than or equal to the number of square feet of shared pool space divided by 75.
 2. The pool operator must post a sign at or near the entrance to the pool facility that sets forth the maximum allowable occupancy of the pool based on the above limitation.
 3. At least one person, separate from a lifeguard, paid or unpaid, shall be on duty at all times to ensure that the social distancing protocol applicable to the facility and all limitations herein are followed. The person performing this function may not be one of the swimmers in the pool.

(11) **Hair Salons and Barbershops**

- a. **Basis for Addition:** Current conditions in the County allow for the further opening of sectors of the economy considered to present a moderate risk of transmission with the mitigation steps set forth in State guidance documents. These sectors include hair salons and barbershops.
- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate:** Hair salons and barbershops may operate subject to applicable industry guidance issued by the State of California (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hair-salons.pdf>).





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Contra Costa Receives State Variance to Continue Reopening Plan



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Thursday, June 11, 2020

The State of California this week granted Contra Costa County a variance that allows more local control over when some activities restricted by the COVID-19 pandemic may resume.

The variance allows Contra Costa to move ahead with its roadmap for reopening at a pace that is appropriate for local conditions, which includes hair salons, indoor dining, gyms and schools in coming weeks.

"We are able to reopen more businesses and activities because the people of Contra Costa have diligently followed the health orders restricting our activities for many months," said Candace Andersen, chair of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. "We remain committed to a safe and careful reopening for our county."

In an attestation filed to the state this week, Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) outlined the progress at managing the spread of COVID-19 locally and how the local healthcare system is preparing in the event of a new surge in cases.

If safe to do so, hair salons and barber shops can reopen for business on June 17, according to a [timeline](#)

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The county's timeline could change if [community health indicators](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/indicators-dashboard) (<https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/indicators-dashboard>) worsen, such as an increase in the number of new cases or patients hospitalized with COVID-19.

Contra Costa is the first of six counties in the lower Bay Area to seek or receive a variance from the state COVID-19 health order, joining the North Bay counties of Napa, Solano and Sonoma.

Visit cchealth.org/coronavirus ([/coronavirus/](https://cchealth.org/coronavirus/)) for more information about Contra Costa's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Julie Enea

From: Bob Welsh
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Gayle Israel; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Julie Enea
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Cases and Deaths - Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - County of Santa Clara

Well, looks like the Health Officer took his time today to again do nothing but stoke fear and panic without basing any of his rhetoric on context and clarity.

His principal message today was “cases up, hospitalization up, deaths up, we are in trouble and we’ll shut down ... ”.

- we all know cases being reported are back logged, multiple positives/person, and other questionable information. Why don’t you show date of test and each of those other data points? If you can’t, then to use your daily reporting only as a tool to judge positivity rate is totally misleading. Unfortunate as this is one of the arbitrary indicators out in place by the governor.

- Do you think people should know that in last 14 days almost 70% of the positives cases come from 5 cities, and over 20% from one? And overall 70% of positive cases come from 5 cities? Don’t tell us we are spiking as a County when that is not true. Majority of people know where these cases are and what’s driving them. By leaving this out when saying you’ll shut down businesses in County, you are not being honest with the full information.

- Doctor referred to what possibly was a question on hospitalization and how the long term care outbreaks are affecting this. He felt the need to say that only 500 cases are from LTC so it’s a small portion of cases. Did he miss his own reporting that over 70% of deaths are from LTC? So yes, the cases are not high in comparison but seems to me these are the people mostly impacted and probably going to the hospital. So now with 21 active outbreaks in our LTC facilities, seems the question on how many of these people are in hospital seems fairly relevant if he’s going to use this as threatening to shut down businesses again.

- and referring to deaths, which he also used out of context today. Yes we see these on the reporting. Does he want to let everyone know that 80% of these tragic deaths are over 70 years old, even those that are being reported as part of his panic inducing comments of deaths rising? And that there’s a pretty strong chance these are coming from the LTC outbreaks. Does he also want to let everyone know when each of these deaths occurred, and that when (7) are reported they actually occurred spread out over weeks before. Context matters, especially when your pushing panic.

Bottom line is our kids can’t go to school, kids lives are severely disrupted, and people and businesses continue to struggle. But all the County data does not support this. Shameful.

On Jul 24, 2020, at 7:08 PM, Bob Welsh

wrote:

Unfortunately I was not able to participate in yesterday’s Ad Hoc meeting, but did see my email/questions were listed on the agenda. I know a person who did join, and heard from them that there was essentially zero response to these questions and others, despite further questioning the Health Officer verbally. Further, at no point did anyone on the Board press this as well. Truly unfortunate. It is clear there is very little concern to provide clear information and data supported with context to CC residents from the County Health Department. The claim there are privacy or the “breakdown of that level of information” is unavailable is an unacceptable response. We will again be left to assume this is due to an agenda that is being driven at the local, County and state level. As they say, information is power, and as long as you limit what information is known by those that challenge your opinion, it allows you to continue pushing your narrative.

The County Covid reporting, meetings and information provided have become useless. Our children are suffering greatly from all of this. Their education, general well being and all of their extracurricular activities are all impacted. Businesses are closing and people are struggling. These are all avoidable damages if someone would step up and be honest with who and is truly affected by this virus. Such a tremendous shame.

Our focus will be to press as hard as possible in the coming elections to replace all of the local, County and state politicians that have been complicit with all of this. This starts in November with the CA State Senate seat, State Assembly seat and US House seat, all up for re-election.

We look forward to electing people into these offices that care more for our children, families and businesses than they do for politics.

Bob Welsh

On Jul 22, 2020, at 3:50 PM, Bob Welsh

wrote:

Good afternoon,

I am still waiting on a response to my earlier questions regarding the Covid Hospitalization numbers being reported on the County Health site (1. What #/% of patients are from SNF/LTCF and the 16 active outbreaks, 2. What #/% patients are from San Quintin or other outside County(s) from an outbreak, 3. What is avg age of patients in hospital). Hoping to get this information soon.

Further, I see that Santa Clara County includes the following disclaimer on their County reporting page...

“Deaths provided in this dashboard do not necessarily mean that the individuals died from COVID-19.”

Certainly something we’ve expected to be the case since day one, but hadn’t seen any official acknowledgment until now. Has Contra Costa also reporting deaths one the same manner? I assume so, but would like to get official response.

Thank you.

Bob Welsh
Danville

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/dashboard-cases.aspx>



Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY

Meeting Date: 08/13/2020

Subject: RECORD OF ACTION FOR JULY 30, 2020 MEETING

Submitted For: David Twa, County Administrator

Department: County Administrator

Referral No.:

Referral Name:

Presenter: Julie DiMaggio Enea

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Referral History:

County Ordinance requires that each County body keep a record of its meetings. Though the record need not be verbatim, it must accurately reflect the agenda and the decisions made in the meeting.

Referral Update:

Please see the attached list of attendees and draft Record of Action for the July 30, 2020 meeting.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the July 30, 2020 meeting.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

No fiscal impact.

Attachments

Meeting Attendees 7-30-2020

DRAFT Record of Action for the July 30, 2020 Meeting

Minutes Attachments

No file(s) attached.

COVID Ad Hoc Committee

7/30/2020

Attendance Roster

Caller 1	Christa Deering	Len
Caller 2	Colleen Awad	Little Swimmers
Caller 3	Colleen Awad Isenberg	Lydia
Caller 4	Collette Hanna	Mary Peinado
Caller 5	Dane's iPad	Mike McDermott
Caller 6	Daryn Nabeta	MLS
Caller 7	Denise	Nicole Bartholow
Caller 8	Dennis Garrison	Office of Supervisor Candace Andersen
Caller 9	dompruett	oldfirehouseschool
Caller 10	Ellen Mossman	Patience Ofodu (iPhone)
Caller 11	Gayle Israel	Paul F. Wilcox# Jr
Alicia Nuchols	George Carter	Ramsey AlQaisi
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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY

THE RECORD OF ACTION FOR
JULY 30, 2020

Supervisor Candace Andersen, Chair
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

Present: Chair Candace Andersen
Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

Staff Present: Chris Farnitano, M.D., County Health Officer
Julie DiMaggio Enea, Senior Deputy County Administrator

1. Introductions

Chair Andersen called the meeting to order and introduced the Committee and Dr. Chris Farnitano, County Health Officer. She explained the format for the meeting.

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

All public comment was taken under Agenda Item #4.

3. RECEIVE update on most recent COVID-19 developments and on questions recently received from community members.

Dr. Farnitano gave an overview of the COVID-19 situation. As a nation, we have exceeded 150,000 COVID related deaths and California has now surpassed New York for the most cases, understanding that California has a much higher population than New York.

San Mateo County has now been added to State's monitoring list, which means it must also close indoor dining, shopping malls, nonessential workplaces, hair care, religious services. So now the entire Bay Area and most of central valley are under the same restrictions.

Contra Costa County's trend line is not encouraging. There are 7,577 known cases, at least 1,000 of those are active. We have an average of 203 new cases/day as of three days ago. Our positivity rate has increased to 8.8%, the highest level since early April.

We've experienced a steady rise in hospitalizations throughout July. Currently, 108 people are hospitalized. We are seeing widespread transmission in all communities

related to social gatherings, food care and health care workers, and within households where one family member has tested positive. This week, we have had more outbreaks since the beginning of the pandemic. The County's Outbreak Team is very active.

Fortunately, we still have a lot of capacity, with 26% of adult ICU capacity remaining. The state considers a 20% remaining capacity worrisome.

The most significant current challenge is test turnaround time due to shortages of machines, reagents, and other supplies up and down the supply chain, including large commercial labs. We have had a surge of testing, which is ineffective if we cannot get test results soon enough to interrupt transmission of the virus. The County is exploring every avenue for supplies. We have added capacity at the State Lab in Richmond. New quick tests of 10-20 samples a day to be prioritized for emergency situations. The County will be increasing salaries for County Lab Techs to be more competitive in the labor market.

The County's strategy has been to gradually open new sectors, combined with testing and contact tracing. The testing is an important part of the County's overall strategy, so we must address the testing turnaround challenge for the strategy to have a chance of being effective.

Dr. Farnitano responded to questions received by Committee members and staff during the previous week.

The State announced the schools in counties on the monitoring list must do digital/distance learning until a county is off the list for at least two weeks. It is expected that the State will, tomorrow, release a waiver process for certain elementary schools. Waivers are not likely to be granted in counties where cases are increasing. Case rates must be stable and testing capacity must be available. This is not feasible for Contra Costa County right now.

Our County was prioritizing teachers and daycare providers among others at County-run testing sites as well as State-run sites. Currently, the highest priority for testing are hospitalized patients with COVID symptoms; outbreak investigations; people who are symptomatic, especially if they are close contacts of a person who tested positive; and asymptomatic people who are in high-risk settings (first responder, caring for elderly, works in a correctional or congregate care facility). With the shortage of test analysis and closure of schools, teachers are not currently being prioritized. It is likely that the granting of waivers will be conditioned upon the ability for schools to get their teachers tested. At that point, teachers may again be prioritized for testing.

The local health order does not allow outdoor gyms to be open. It would have been part of the July reopening plan, but that plan was postponed due to the rise in COVID numbers. Until we see cases stabilize or improve, we won't be opening any additional business sectors. We haven't seen any outbreaks from gyms because they have not been open. Hair salons were open for a couple of weeks indoors and are allowed outdoors. Dr. Farnitano said he is not aware of any recent outbreaks in either sector.

Fines now established for failing to follow the health order. He is not aware of any citations yet. Health orders are legal orders. Violations are a misdemeanor crime. The new ordinance now provides for civil penalties if education doesn't gain compliance. It is really a last resort to gain compliance of businesses that willfully continue to violate orders and risk their employees' and patrons' safety. To report concerns, call local law enforcement at nonemergency # or the Consumer Complaint Hotline: 925-957-8608 which routes to the District Attorney's Office. He later said that local code enforcement and health inspectors could issue citations and there is also an appeals process.

Regarding nursing homes, Dr. Farnitano said that the risk of death is high once the virus penetrates a facility. The County issued an order in May requiring testing of all residents and staff, and repeat testing of 25% of staff weekly. The order covers 20 nursing homes and 60 assisted living facilities in this county. This exceeds the state requirements, which do not extend to assisted living facilities. County staff have been active in training staff at these facilities and providing PPE if needed. The County has been heavily involved whenever a case is identified, to help isolate individuals. The challenge is when there is widespread transmission of the virus even outside of these facilities because workers can pick up the virus anywhere and be asymptomatic and then bring the virus into the facility. The County requires symptoms screening of staff every day to minimize risk, but we cannot eliminate all risk. What the State could do to help is mandate more sick leave and mandate an increase to staffing ratios so that facilities are less crowded, and staff aren't as stretched to care for so many individuals. Also, the State could improve home support facilities. We can all advocate to support these facilities and decrease the impact on them.

He said the County's highest priority is to address the lab shortage issue. We're also adding contact tracing staff throughout August. Next is enforcement to curtail risky practices that lead to virus transmission. If these strategies don't work, we may need to close additional sectors, order hospitals to curtail elective surgeries to preserve capacity for COVID, and institute surveillance testing (of the asymptomatic) at high-risk businesses (which would require a robust testing program).

Regarding the Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) Dashboard, he reported that 541 of cases so far out of 7714 are from LTCFs, so only 7%, and 78 hospitalizations to date. Despite those relatively low rates, 81/109 or 74% of all deaths are from LTCF residents and staff. In San Quentin Prison, 2/3 of inmates have tested positive. None are or have been hospitalized in Contra Costa County. Dr. Farnitano does not have numbers for the average age of patients in hospital but noted that we are seeing more younger people in the hospital now. Anyone who was recently diagnosed with COVID-19 and has died is counted in the death rates, even if there were comorbidities.

Vice Chair Mitchoff commented on Santa Clara County's statement that clarifies that the number of deaths reported reflect people who died and were positive for COVID, even if they died from other causes. Dr. Farnitano said that until an autopsy report is made, we cannot know what the primary cause of death was, so the Contra Costa County Dashboard reports all deaths of people who recently tested positive for COVID (the dashboard states, "Total deaths from COVID-19 in Contra Costa").

Autopsy reports could take months.

He read Nicole Lecher's comments regarding her concerns about the financial impact on businesses who had to close.

He discussed temperature checks saying they are less effective than symptom checking at workplaces because fever is often not the first symptom that people with COVID experience. He thought motion sensor faucets, drinking taps, and hand sanitizers are good ideas but does not plan to mandate it. He explained the health orders as they apply to masking in offices. He said that testing of all County employees monthly is a good idea but not feasible at this time.

Regarding reusable bags at grocery stores, people are permitted to bring in their own bags if the store staff are not required to touch the bags, so customers must bag their own groceries.

He explained that the authority for issuing health orders resides with the County health official. Some cities have a city health department and can issue orders. Cities may be able to place additional restrictions under their city ordinance codes.

He discussed the State-funded Project Roomkey, under which the County houses high-risk or at-risk homeless, individuals who are elderly and have chronic conditions, and people who have tested positive or are awaiting test results and do not have a safe place to isolate.

Dr. Farnitano described the four main criteria for being on the State monitoring list and cautioned that due to the several-day lag in reporting, the County dashboard and State numbers do not always match. He named these criteria:

- if the number of cases over the last 14 days exceeds 100/100,000 people. We would have to get below that rate for at least three consecutive days to satisfy that criterion.*
- the average case positivity rate exceeding 8% over a 7-day period. The County is currently at 8.8%.*
- the number of hospitalizations over the past three days as compared to the three days before that.*
- the ICU capacity: are there at least 20% of ICU bed capacity remaining and do we have at least 25% of our ventilators available?*

He mentioned some of the activities that are directly tied to being on or off the State monitoring list, such as schools and additional business sectors.

Regarding restaurants, County Health requires restaurant employees who test positive to quarantine at home for 14 days, anyone they worked with closely must also, all employees to be tested, and infection control protocols examined. If the restaurant isn't cooperating, the County can close them down.

He discussed the risks for seniors eating outdoors at restaurants. He said it is not zero risk and he recommended against it. Even if one can legally do an activity doesn't mean one should do it, especially if one is in a high-risk group.

4. DISCUSS the July 7th and 11th updated Health Orders and any subsequent updates to the timeline for future resumption of business and community activities.

Chair Andersen invited public comment.

Mike McDermott observed the inverse relationship between low number of tests and the high positivity rate. He theorized that since we are prioritizing testing of high-risk and symptomatic people, we are likely to have a higher positivity rate. He thinks more testing capacity is vital and suggested adding a metric to the Dashboard showing the average turnaround time for test results. He criticized the County's efforts with contact tracing (low numbers) and said the County appears to have been unprepared. He asked about the number of bilingual contact tracers.

Dr. Farnitano concurred and noted that a high positivity rate may also indicate that we're not doing enough testing of the asymptomatic. He noted that we have reached our minimum testing goal. He said we have more than 120 but a goal of getting 187. He said our recruiting encourages bilingual applicants. About 30% of County employed tracers are bilingual plus we have access to contract interpreter services. He added that 46 State contact tracers supplement the local contact tracers.

Susan Morgan reported that some places including John Muir Health in Brentwood insist that patrons may only enter if wearing a mask, not shield, even if they have a legitimate exemption from the mask rule. She asked if that violates the law and what recourse she has. Dr. Farnitano explained that certain health facilities can implement stricter rules and refuse service if a mask isn't worn.

Shell spoke about apartment pools and suggested that the rules should take into consideration the proximity of the pool to residences and HVAC systems. Dr. Farnitano said they haven't seen much transmission through HVAC systems and believes the risk is comparatively low. The virus is mostly passed person to person.

Barbara Csider asked a series of questions: What number of ICU beds are strictly COVID related? Are business owners allowed to ask about the nature of a medical exemption from wearing a mask? What is the Penal Code section applicable to wearing a mask? How many patients are we taking from other counties? LTCFs, why aren't we prioritizing the tests of the symptomatic? Are we concerned about the release of 18,000 San Quentin inmates? Will Contra Costa adjust the COVID death statistic to break out the number that had comorbidities that caused or contributed to death? She also asked about face shield requirements.

Dr. Farnitano said that 152 ICU beds are occupied, of which 36 are COVID positive and four more are suspected to be. He said we periodically poll our hospitals to determine how many nonresident patients are in our system. At last check, there were four. He said we are prioritizing the symptomatic for testing. He said it would require a lot of manual work to go back and update death data once actual cause of death was determined through autopsy. He doesn't expect it would make a big difference but understands the importance of confidence in the numbers. Face shields with cloth coverings are required for employees who are required to wear masks but cannot; face shields are not required but are recommended for non-employees/customers who are otherwise required to wear a mask but have a

legitimate exemption.

Call in User #1 (Toni R) asked why some businesses are deemed nonessential vs. the big box stores like Costco and Wal-Mart. She claimed that Dr. Redfield at CDC said that suicide rates have spiked. She asked why we are having another sales tax measure and why the citizens are always expected to shore up government. She asked if the County was concerned about the potential for increased crime due to the early release of San Quentin inmates. She contrasted the release of people who have committed serious crimes with people cited for failing to mask under the Health Order.

Dr. Farnitano said the State determines which businesses are essential and nonessential but State and local orders are mostly moving away from that distinction.

Dane's iPad asked if a family member tests positive, is it true that you cannot get hydroxychloroquine (HCQ)? Dr. Farnitano replied that HCQ is a legal drug approved by the FDA and can be prescribed by a doctor but has been found to not be an effective COVID treatment and may be harmful, so most doctors are not prescribing it.

Jerry L commented that the administrative fine starting at \$100 seems excessive and much higher than a parking ticket.

Chair Andersen acknowledged that the fine is, indeed, more than a parking ticket. She and the Board do not envision law enforcement actively searching for violators of the mask order. The purpose of the administrative fines is to provide a more efficient method of achieving compliance than the criminal misdemeanor prosecution process, and then only after education hasn't achieved compliance. She explained that the administrative process provides an opportunity for appeal before a hearing officer.

5. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the July 23, 2020 meeting.

The Record of Action for the July 23, 2020 meeting was approved as presented.

AYE: Chair Candace Andersen, Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

Passed

6. The next meeting is currently scheduled for August 13, 2020.

The Committee confirmed the next meeting date of August 13.

7. Adjourn

Chair Andersen invited attendees to email any additional questions to her and Supervisor Mitchoff, and adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

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