

**County of Tulare
Health & Human Services Agency
Public Health Branch**



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**SECOND AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER FOR THE PREVENTION OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) TRANSMISSION**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of Emergency now exists in the State of California due to the presence of and threat posed by the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the County Health Officer of the County of Tulare proclaimed and declared that a local health emergency now exists in the County of Tulare due to the presence of and threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors ratified said proclamation at its regular meeting of March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, said proclamation shall remain in effect until further notice; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-33-20, in conjunction with the Order of the State Public Health Officer dated the same day, ordering that all Californians shelter in place to preserve public health and safety ("Shelter in Place Order"); and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the County Health Officer of the County of Tulare issued an Emergency Order for the Prevention of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Transmission in or About Restaurants, Bars, Food Trucks, Grocery Stores, and Other Retail Food and Beverage Service Venues, Entertainment and Recreational Venues, Gyms, Health Clubs, Theaters, Churches, Other Social Gatherings, and Outdoor Recreational Activities, which remains in effect today as it was amended on May 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2020, the Governor announced the Blueprint for a Safer Economy ("Blueprint"), a statewide plan for living with COVID-19 for the long haul, which imposed a four-tiered, risk-based criteria for tightening and loosening allowable activities based on the current trajectory of the spread of COVID-19 disease; and

WHEREAS, the State has revised the Blueprint on numerous occasions since originally announcing it over six months ago; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the State criteria, procedures, and guidance for the stages of the Pandemic Roadmap is mandatory in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of County of Tulare.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Tulare County Ordinance Code sections 1-15-1033 (b) and 1-15-1040 (b), and California Health and Safety Code sections 101040, 101085, and 120175, the Health Officer of the County of Tulare hereby amends the Health Officer's prior May 18, 2020 Order as follows, effective immediately and until such a time that it is terminated or modified by the County Public Health Officer in writing:

1. The Tulare County Health Officer Order Amended May 18, 2020 is hereby terminated. Any previous Public Health Orders, other than the Emergency Declaration dated March 11, 2020, not previously terminated are hereby terminated.

2. The emergency orders of the State Public Health Officer related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Blueprint, and all other State-issued pandemic guidance, as they may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time-to-time by their makers, are hereby adopted as emergency orders of the Health Officer of the County of Tulare.
3. Only the activities and businesses authorized by the County's current placement within the tiers of the Blueprint shall be allowed, and their operation will conform with all applicable guidelines, orders and laws. The current stage of the Blueprint and other pandemic-related guidance can be found at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>.
4. For personal and public health and safety purposes, all residents of and visitors to Tulare County should practice social distancing of six feet per person when able to do so, wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and wear face coverings in accordance with the most current CDPH guidance. Face masks can be a cloth face mask or a medical mask and should cover securely over the nose and mouth.
5. Any jurisdiction within Tulare County is permitted to take such actions, if any, as may be reasonably necessary to comply with this Order.
6. This Order shall be subject to amendment or repeal at any time and shall not be deemed to confer any contractual obligations, property rights, or assume any County or other public agency liability.
7. 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.
8. This Order shall be immediately translated into Spanish, and accommodations made for disabled persons to read its contents; it shall also be distributed to all local media and made prominently available at <https://covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov/>.
9. All open businesses, facilities, retail, food, and other venues should ensure social distancing of six feet per person between those who are not members of the same household, limit the number of customers at any given time as necessary to reduce outdoor/indoor crowding and lines to meet social distancing guidance, increase cleaning and sanitizing frequency of all contact areas, encourage use of online ordering with curbside pickup or delivery options in lieu of indoor shopping, and remind employees of guidance from CDPH public health officials to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and wearing appropriate face covering when necessary. Any business, facility, retail, food, and other venue may create an individual policy restricting entry of patrons not wearing masks.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Time:

Date:

Issued by:



Karen Haught, MD
County Health Officer
County of Tulare
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Approved as to Form:

TULARE COUNTY COUNSEL

By: Matthew Pierce

Deputy County Counsel

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