

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



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**FOURTH 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, COVID-19 has caused serious illness, hospitalizations, and deaths in Tulare County in the past 2 years; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Tulare County have worked hard to prevent the spread of the illness through social distancing, face coverings, following isolation and quarantine when indicated, and through vaccination; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-07-21, which rescinded prior state orders pertaining to COVID-19, including the Blueprint for a Safer Economy and the Stay-at-Home Order, and Executive Order N-08-21, which rolled back many of the Governor’s prior orders pertaining to limiting the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there continue to be cases of COVID-19, including variant strains, and many people in Tulare County have not yet been vaccinated against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, risks from COVID-19 continue, and therefore, some protective measures against that risk will need to remain in place;

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 County Health Officer of the County of Tulare hereby rescinds the County Health Officer’s prior June 29, 2021 Order, and issues the following Revised Order, effective immediately and until such a time that it is terminated or modified by the County Health Officer in writing:

1. The Tulare County Health Officer Order, as amended June 29, 2021, is hereby terminated. Any previous County Health Officer Orders, other than the Emergency Declaration dated March 11, 2020, not previously terminated, are hereby terminated.
2. All individuals, businesses and healthcare facilities in Tulare County shall follow all Public Health Orders of the State Public Health Officer related to the COVID-19 pandemic. All individuals, businesses and healthcare facilities in Tulare County should follow all guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Current CDPH guidance and State Public Health Orders can be found at cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx. Additional guidance can be found at covid19.ca.gov/safely-reopening.

3. Please take note of the Order of the State Public Health Officer issued June 11, 2021. This Order can be reviewed at [cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Beyond-Blueprint.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Beyond-Blueprint.aspx), and the Order addresses the following topics:
 - a. Guidance and requirements for face coverings: Studies show that increased use of well-fitting masks decreases the spread of COVID-19 infection in the community and decreases an individual's risk of infection by 50-80% depending on the type of mask used. For more information about proper use of face coverings, please visit the link above or the following page: [cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx). The CDPH guidance describes when face coverings are required and contains specific guidance for individuals and businesses. Additional information about face coverings is found at [covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov](https://www.covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov).
 - b. The need for individuals and businesses to adhere to the guidelines in the CDPH's "Beyond the Blueprint," which includes requirements for mega events. These guidelines can be found at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Beyond-Blueprint-Framework.aspx>.
 - c. The requirements and recommendations in the current CDPH publications pertaining to limiting the spread of COVID-19 in schools and childcare facilities. Additional information can be found at [schools.covid19.ca.gov](https://www.schools.covid19.ca.gov), [cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx) and [cdph.ca.gov/programs/cid/dcdc/pages/covid-19/child-care-guidance.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cid/dcdc/pages/covid-19/child-care-guidance.aspx).
4. Individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 must continue to adhere to current CDPH guidance for isolation and individuals exposed to someone with COVID-19 must continue to adhere to current CDPH quarantine guidance. Individuals with COVID-19 are urged to contact their health care provider as soon as possible to ask if an available treatment is indicated to prevent hospitalization. Individuals without a provider may call 211 for assistance in finding a provider. Additional information regarding isolation and quarantine procedures is available at [covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov](https://www.covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov).
5. Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been closely exposed to someone with COVID-19 are urged to seek testing through their healthcare provider, a pharmacy, an at-home test, or by going to a community testing site which can be located at [covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov](https://www.covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov).
6. Individuals are urged to continue their preventive medical care and those with chronic health conditions to continue their follow up care with their health care provider.
7. All Employees and businesses should follow the Cal/OSHA Revised Emergency Temporary Standards, effective January 14, 2022, as applicable, as well as any CDPH and state licensing industry-specific guidance including All Facilities Letters (AFL) for specified healthcare and congregate care settings.
8. Individuals are encouraged to be vaccinated for protection against COVID-19 including a booster when eligible. Vaccines can be obtained at clinics, pharmacies or by going to [myturn.ca.gov](https://www.myturn.ca.gov).
9. All residents and visitors to Tulare County shall follow all other State-issued pandemic orders, as they may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time-to-time by their makers, and all such orders are hereby adopted as emergency orders of the County Health Officer of the County of Tulare.
10. 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.

11. 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.
12. 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 [covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov](https://www.covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Time: 1:00pm pst
Date: February 24, 2022

Issued by: 

Karen Haight, MD
County Health Officer
County of Tulare
Health & Human Services Agency
Public Health Branch

Approved as to Form:

TULARE COUNTY COUNSEL

By: 
Deputy County Counsel
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