

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



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**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 ORDER dated the same day, ordering that all Californians shelter in place to preserve public health and safety ("Shelter in Place Order"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Shelter in Place Order has been successful in slowing the transmission and infection rate of COVID-19 in the State of California; 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 order was extended on April 8, 2020, and amended on May 5, 2020 (the "Emergency Order Amended May 5, 2020"); and

**WHEREAS**, on April 14, 2020, the State of California presented the Pandemic Roadmap, a four-stage plan for modifying the Shelter in Place Order, and defining the statewide current status under the plan as being at Stage 1; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2020, the State announced that entry into Stage 2 of the plan would begin on May 8, 2020 for all Counties, subject to certain conditions and certain guidance; and

**WHEREAS**, advancement within the Pandemic Roadmap by an individual County can be accomplished by meeting certain State-defined criteria and procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pandemic Roadmap is designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in California while allowing parts of our state to safely reopen; 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 orders as follows, which shall be effective immediately and remain in effect until such a time that it is terminated or modified by the County Public Health Officer in writing:

1. **The Emergency Order Amended May 5, 2020** is hereby terminated. Any previous Public Health Orders, other than the Emergency Declaration dated March 11, 2020, not previously terminated by the Emergency Order Amended May 5, 2020, are hereby terminated.
2. **The Shelter in Place Order**, the emergency orders of the State Public Health Director related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the State's Pandemic Roadmap and guidance issued with respect to the roadmap, as they may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time-to-time by their makers, are hereby adopted as emergency orders of the County Health Officer of the County of Tulare and enforceable as such.
3. **Only** the activities and businesses authorized by the current stage of the State's Pandemic Roadmap shall be allowed. The current stage of the Pandemic Roadmap and current guidance related to the Pandemic Roadmap can be found at: <https://covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov/covid-19-updates-and-situation-in-tulare-county/>.
4. **Bars, wineries, breweries and pubs** shall follow all restrictions, closures, and guidelines under the current stage of the State's Pandemic Roadmap.
5. **Restaurants** shall follow all restrictions, closures, and guidelines under the current stage of the State's Pandemic Roadmap.
6. **Food Trucks** shall follow all restrictions, closures, and guidelines under the current stage of the State's Pandemic Roadmap.
7. **Certified Farmers' Markets** shall follow all restrictions, closures, and guidelines under the current stage of the State's Pandemic Roadmap.
8. **Gambling venues** shall follow all restrictions, closures, and guidelines under the current stage of the State's Pandemic Roadmap.
9. **Entertainment and recreational venues**, including, but not limited to, theme parks, amusement parks, attractions, theaters, museums, roller rinks, skate parks, sports stadiums, bowling alleys, and the like, shall follow all restrictions, closures, and guidelines under the current stage of the State's Pandemic Roadmap.
10. **Gyms and health clubs** shall follow all restrictions, closures, and guidelines under the current stage of the State's Pandemic Roadmap.
11. **All social gatherings**, including, but not limited to church services, meetings of service and social clubs, conferences, conventions, and the like, shall be postponed or cancelled until allowed under the current stage of the State's Pandemic Roadmap.
12. **Outdoor recreational activities** shall be permissible as long as it is feasible to maintain a safe physical distance of six feet and gather only with members of the same household at all times during said activity(ies). Individual outdoor recreational activities are permissible as long as it is feasible to maintain a safe physical distance of six feet at all times during said activity. Any outdoor group sports or activities shall be postponed or cancelled unless the sport or activity can be done individually or

with members of the same household only. There should be no shared equipment between persons who are not members of the same household. Visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#top>, Outdoor Recreation section for a list of requirements, specifically allowed activities, and further guidance from the state of California. These social distancing requirements shall remain in place as they relate to Outdoor Recreation Activities until abolished under the current stage of the State's Pandemic Roadmap.

13. For those businesses closed under the current stage of the State's Pandemic Roadmap, business owners, managers, and supervisory staff are allowed to be on site to conduct minimum basic operations, provided they follow all guidance from public health officials to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including social distancing and hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
14. No County permits for special events shall be granted, all County permits for special events previously issued are revoked or postponed, and no temporary ABC licenses shall be authorized by the County until social gatherings are permitted under the current stage of the State's Pandemic Roadmap.
15. For personal and public health and safety purposes, all residents of and visitors to Tulare County are strongly urged to 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, wear face coverings, such as scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandanas, neck gaiters, or other fabric face coverings, at all times while inside of or waiting to enter any business or facility, while riding or waiting to ride any public or shared transportation, and at any other time when it is impossible to maintain a distance of six-feet between persons who are not members of a shared household and follow all other guidance from public health officials with regard to the threat posed by COVID-19.
16. This Order may be enforced pursuant to California law, including, but not limited to Government Code sections 26602, 41601, and 8665 to prevent the spread of Covid-19.
17. Each incorporated city within Tulare County is permitted to take such actions, if any, as may be reasonably necessary to permit this Order to be fully enforced within its respective jurisdiction. Pursuant to California Government Code section 41601, the chiefs of the police departments of the Cities of Visalia, Tulare, Porterville, Dinuba, Exeter, Lindsay, Woodlake, and Farmersville may enforce this Order within their respective jurisdictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
18. The Public Health Branch of the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, the Tulare County District Attorney's office, the Tulare County Counsel's office, and all other applicable County of Tulare Agencies, Departments, and Divisions are permitted to enforce this Order within their respective jurisdictions.
19. Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 101029 and 120280, and Tulare County Ordinance Code sections 1-15-1040(b) and 125, violations of this Order may be punishable as a misdemeanor upon conviction by a fine of not exceeding one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for a term of not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
20. Pursuant to Tulare County Ordinance Code sections 4-01-1070 and 4-01-1315, violations of this Order may be considered a public nuisance.
21. Pursuant to Tulare County Ordinance Code sections 1-23-1000 and 1-23-1015 violations of this Order may be subject to an administrative fine or penalty.

22. The 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.
23. 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.
24. 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/>.
25. All open businesses, facilities, retail food, and other venues shall 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 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: 8:00am  
Date: May 18, 2020

Issued by: 

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

Approved as to Form:  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By   
Deputy County Counsel

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