

**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER  
OF THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO DIRECTING ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE  
COUNTY TO SHELTER AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE EXCEPT THAT THEY MAY  
LEAVE TO PROVIDE OR RECEIVE CERTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES OR ENGAGE IN  
CERTAIN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES AND WORK FOR ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND  
GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES; PROVIDING LIMITED EXEMPTIONS FROM THE  
SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER TO EXEMPTING INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING  
HOMELESSNESS FROM THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER BUT URGING THEM TO  
FIND SHELTER AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE IT; DIRECTING ALL  
BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO CEASE NON-ESSENTIAL  
OPERATIONS AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY; PROHIBITING ALL NON-  
ESSENTIAL GATHERINGS OF ANY NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS; AND ORDERING  
CESSATION OF ALL NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL**

**DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 24~~APRIL 6~~, 2020  
EFFECTIVE UNTIL RESCINDED**

**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, *et seq.*)**

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101085 AND 120175, AND PENAL CODE SECTION 409.5(a), THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO ("HEALTH OFFICER") ORDERS:


This Order hereby rescinds the prior Shelter in Place Orders previously issued by the Mendocino County Health Officer on March 24, 2020.

1. The intent of this Order is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue, to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. When people need to leave their places of residence, whether to obtain or perform vital services, or to otherwise facilitate authorized activities necessary for continuity of social and commercial life, they should at all times reasonably possible comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 9 below. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any provisions of this order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.
2. All individuals currently living within Mendocino County (the "County") are ordered to shelter at their place of residence. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses, all as defined in Section 9. Individuals experiencing homelessness are strongly urged to obtain shelter, and governmental and other entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent practicable (and to utilize Social Distancing Requirements in their operation).
3. All businesses with a facility in the County, except Essential Businesses as defined below in Section 9, are ordered to cease all activities at facilities located within the County except Minimum Basic Operations, as defined in Section 9. For clarity, businesses may also continue operations

consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home). All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 9 below, including, but not limited to, when any customers are standing in line.

4. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or living unit are prohibited except for the limited purposes expressly permitted in Section 9. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.
5. All travel, including, but not limited to, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit, except Essential Travel and Essential Activities as defined below in Section 9, is prohibited. People must use public transit only for purposes of performing Essential Activities or to travel to and from work to operate Essential Businesses or maintain Essential Governmental Functions. People riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 9 below, to the greatest extent feasible. This Order allows travel into or out of the County to perform Essential Activities, operate Essential Businesses, or maintain Essential Governmental Functions.
6. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 throughout ~~California the Bay Area~~ and the World, increasing likelihood of occurrence of COVID-19 within the County, the physical damage to property caused by the virus, scientific evidence, and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, and 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. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in the region, which is now a pandemic according to the World Health Organization, there is a public health emergency throughout the County. Making the problem worse, some individuals who contract COVID-19 have no symptoms or have mild symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus. Because even people without symptoms can transmit the disease, and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, gatherings can result in preventable transmission of the virus. The scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed. One proven way to slow the transmission is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable. By reducing the spread of COVID-19, this Order helps preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the County.
7. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Declaration of the Health Officer; the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 19, 2020 Executive Order N-33-20 and corresponding California State Public Health Officer Order and Essential List of Critical Infrastructure Workers, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of Local Emergency for the County of Mendocino issued by the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency in the County Regarding Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19); the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino Ratifying and Extending the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency, and Ratifying and Extending the Proclamation of a Local Emergency.
8. This Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the County Health Officer, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials throughout the United States and around the world, including a variety of prior orders to combat the spread and harms of COVID-19. The Health Officer will continue to assess the quickly evolving situation and may modify or extend this Order, or issue additional Orders related to COVID-19.

## 9. Definitions and Exemptions.

- a. For purposes of this Order, people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are ordered to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care. For purposes of this Order, “people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are people who meet the CDC definition of higher risk. Based upon available information to date, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 include:
  - i. People aged 65 years and older.
  - ii. People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
  - iii. Other high-risk conditions could include:
    - a. People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma.
    - b. People who have serious heart conditions.
    - c. People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment.
    - d. People of any age with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] >40) or certain underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, such as those with diabetes, renal failure, or liver disease might also be at risk.
- b. Please note, many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
- c. For purposes of this Order otherwise, individuals are allowed to leave their residence only to perform any of the following “Essential Activities.”
  - i. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies they need to work from home.
  - 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, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
  -  iii. To engage in outdoor activity, such as walking, jogging, hiking or biking, initiated from one’s residence, which does not involve the use of a motor vehicle or public transit to the location of exercise, such as for example, within walking, jogging, hiking, or biking distance of ~~your one’s~~ place of residence only, provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section. If exercising at, or directly from one’s place of residence is unsafe or not feasible because of a medical condition, it is permissible to drive the shortest distance possible to a location where one can safely exercise.
  - iii-iv. Sports or activities that include the use of shared equipment, including but not limited to sports equipment, playground equipment, outdoor cooking equipment, outdoor seating or tables, is prohibited, unless the use of the equipment can be limited to members of the same household or living unit.
  - iv-v. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.
  - vi. To care for a family member or pet in another household.
  - v. To move residences, but only if it is not possible to defer an already planned move, if the move is necessitated by safety, sanitation, or habitability reasons, or if the move is necessary to preserve access to shelter. When moving into or out of the Mendocino County, 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.

- d. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work or volunteer for, or obtain services at any “Healthcare Operations” including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, COVID-19 testing locations, blood banks and blood drives, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. “Healthcare Operations” also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. “Healthcare Operations” does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities. Licensed cannabis retail facilities/dispensaries shall operate only via curbside pickup or delivery.
- e. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of “Essential Infrastructure,” including, but not limited to, construction, as permitted in this Order, public-works construction, construction of housing (in particular affordable housing or housing for individuals experiencing homelessness), airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, cemeteries, mortuaries, crematoriums, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, to the extent possible.
- f. For purposes of this Order, 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 while performing their essential functions. 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 employees or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions. All Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, to the extent possible and 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.
- g. This Order applies to all businesses, including any for-profit, non-profit, or educational entities, regardless of the nature of the service, the function they perform, or its corporate or entity structure.
- h. Skilled nursing facilities are prohibited from allowing visitation with their residents unless the resident is experiencing end of life.
- i. For the purposes of this Order, “Essential Businesses” means those same essential critical infrastructure sectors and workers as ordered by the Executive Orders of the Governor of the State of California, and as explained and updated in the list of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers. In addition, the following identifies Essential Businesses for purposes of this Order:
  - i. Healthcare Operations and Essential Infrastructure;
  - ii. Grocery stores, certified farmers’ markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, including liquor stores that sell food, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supplies, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential 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. Agriculture, including but not limited to, food and beverage cultivation, farming; ranching, fishing, forestry, livestock and legal cannabis and other medicines;
  - iv. Businesses that are necessary to supply agriculture, food, and beverage cultivation, processing and distribution. These businesses shall be closed to the public, except that retail sales to the public may occur via curbside pick-up, delivery, shipping, farm and produce stands, or farmer's markets, where otherwise allowed by law. Such businesses include agriculture, farming, ranching, fishing, dairies, creameries, wineries, breweries, and licensed cannabis businesses;
  - v. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;
  - vi. Construction, but only of the types listed in this subparagraph below:
    - a. Projects immediately necessary to the maintenance, operation, or repair of Essential Infrastructure;
    - b. Projects associated with Healthcare Operations, including creating or expanding Healthcare Operations, provided that such construction is directly related to the COVID-19 response;
    - c. Housing (in particular affordable housing or housing for individuals experiencing homelessness;
    - d. Public works projects;
    - e. Governmental Function by the City Administrator in consultation with the Health Officer;
    - f. Shelters and temporary housing, but not including hotels or motels;
    - g. Projects immediately necessary to provide critical non- commercial services to individuals experiencing homelessness, elderly persons, persons who are economically disadvantaged, and persons with special needs;
    - h. Construction necessary to ensure that existing construction sites that must be shut down under this Order are left in a safe and secure manner, but only to the extent necessary to do so; and
    - i. Construction or repair necessary to ensure that residences and buildings containing Essential Businesses are safe, sanitary, or habitable to the extent such construction or repair cannot reasonably be delayed;
    - j. Construction related to any Essential Infrastructure.
  - vii. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;
  - viii. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair (including, but not limited to, for cars, trucks, motorcycles and motorized scooters), and related facilities, and automotive dealerships, but only for the purpose of providing auto- supply and auto-repair services (and not, by way of example, car sales or car washes). This subparagraph (vii) does not restrict the on-line purchase of automobiles if they are delivered to a residence or Essential Business;
  - ix. Bicycle repair and supply shops;
  - x. Banks and related financial institutions;
  - xi. Service providers that enable residential 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 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 still residing in the residence);
- ~~viii~~-xii. Hardware, home improvement stores, home appliance stores, and nurseries;
  - ~~xiii~~. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses, but not for cosmetic or other purposes;
  - ~~ix~~-xiv. Arborists, landscapers, gardeners, and similar service professionals, but only to the limited extent necessary to maintain the habitability, sanitation, operation of businesses or residences, or the safety of residents, employees, or the public (such as fire safety or tree trimming to prevent a dangerous condition), and not for cosmetic or other purposes (such as upkeep);
  - ~~x~~-xv. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
  - ~~xi~~-xvi. Educational institutions—including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities—for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions, provided that social distancing of six feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible;
  - ~~xii~~-xvii. Laundromats, drycleaners, and laundry service providers;
  - ~~xviii~~. 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 should 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. Food trucks shall comply with California Department of Public Health Guidance regarding Retail Food, Beverage, and Other Related Service Venues issued March 16, 2020;
  - ~~xiii~~-xix. Funeral home providers, mortuaries, cemeteries, and crematoriums, to the extent necessary for the transport, preparation, or processing of bodies or remains;
  - ~~xiv~~-xx. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate. This exemption shall not be used as a basis for engaging in sales to the general public from retail storefronts;
  - ~~xv~~-xxi. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences as long as all COVID-19 precautionary measures are implemented. 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;
  - ~~xvi~~-xxii. Taxis and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;
  - ~~xvii~~-xxiii. Home-based care for seniors, adults, disabled persons, pets or children;
  - ~~xviii~~-xxiv. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;
  - ~~xxv~~. Professional services, such as legal, notary or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with non-elective, legally mandated activities;
  - ~~xxvi~~. Services to assist individuals in finding employment with Essential Businesses;
  - ~~xix~~-xxvii. Moving services that facilitate residential or commercial moves that are allowed under this Order;
  - ~~xx~~-xxviii. Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted. Children of owners, employees, volunteers and contractors who are not exempt under this order, may not attend childcare facilities. To the extent possible, childcare facilities are ordered to operate under the following conditions:

- a. Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer ("stable" means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day).
- b. Children shall not change from one group to another.
- c. If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other.
- d. Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.

~~xxi-xxix.~~ Babysitters may also come to the residence to care for minors of parents working in Essential Businesses;

~~xxii-xxx.~~ Workers at animal care facilities that provide food, shelter, veterinary and/or routine care and other necessities of life for animals;

j. For the purposes of this Order, all Essential Businesses must prepare and post by no later than 11:59 p.m. on April 10, 2020 a "Social Distancing Protocol" for each of their facilities in the County frequented by the public or employees. The Social Distancing Protocol must be substantially in the form attached to this Order as Appendix A. The Social Distancing Protocol must be posted at or near the entrance of the relevant facility, and shall be easily viewable by the public and employees. A copy of the Social Distancing Protocol must also be provided to each employee performing work at the facility. All Essential Businesses 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 the Essential Business activity;
- ii. Where lines may form at a facility, marking six-foot increments at a minimum, establishing where individuals should stand to maintain adequate social distancing;
- iii. Providing hand sanitizer, soap and water, or effective disinfectant at or near the entrance of the facility and in other appropriate areas for use by the public and employees, and in locations where there is high- frequency employee interaction with members of the public (e.g., cashiers);
- iv. Providing for contactless payment systems or, if not feasible to do so, the providing for disinfecting all payment portals, pens, and styluses after each use;
- v. Regularly disinfecting other high-touch surfaces;
- vi. Posting a sign at the entrance of the facility informing all employees and customers that they should: avoid entering the facility if they have a cough or fever; maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another; sneeze and cough into one's elbow; and not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact; and
- vii. Any additional social distancing measures being implemented (see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>).

j-k. For purposes of this Order, clothing sold in Essential Businesses shall not be sold in any manner which allows the customer to handle or try on before a purchase is made;

k-l. For purposes of this Order, single family residences shall not be rented as transient lodging and any and all shall not be rented vacation rentals, rentals for vacation or other non-essential purposes are prohibited, regardless of the duration of the stay. Further, the rental of transient lodging, defined as the provision of lodging services for a period of thirty (30) calendar days or less, that is not for Essential Activities or Essential Governmental or Essential Business purposes is prohibited for the protection of our community and to ensure the community has lodging available if necessary for surge capacity and emergency purposes.

~~l.m.~~ For purposes of this Order, any Essential Business providing food, whether in retail establishment or restaurant, may not allow the provision of food by self-service from the customer, including the handling of shared utensils by customers for self-service of bakery items, deli items, soups, salads, shared condiment dispensers, or other similar food items, which cannot be washed by the customer prior to consumption.

~~m.n.~~ For purposes of this Order, an employer shall not knowingly allow an employee to work sick in violation of section 9a.

~~n.o.~~ For the purposes of this Order, "Minimum Basic Operations" include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:

- i. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, provide for the delivery of existing inventory directly to residences or businesses, or for related functions.
- ii. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.
- iii. Individuals coming together for an essential life event such as a religious service or a funeral, and as needed livestreaming the event for others to participate remotely, with the following limitations:
  - a. Only four individual may be present for the live event. All others must participate remotely;
  - b. Social Distancing Requirement are maintained, include maintaining at least six feet social distancing from other individuals (physical distancing not required for members of the same household), frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer that is recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as effective in combatting COVID-19, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands;
- a.c. No singing shall be permitted because of the increased risk of transmission of COVID-19

~~o.p.~~ For the purposes of this Order, "Essential Travel" includes travel for any of the following purposes. Individuals engaged in any Essential Travel must comply with all Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section below.

- i. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses, or Minimum Basic Operations.
  - ii. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
  - iii. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services.
  - iv. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction.
  - v. Travel required by law enforcement or court order.
  - vi. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the County. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the County remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel;
  - vii. Travel to manage after-death arrangements and burial;
  - viii. Travel to arrange for shelter or avoid homelessness;
  - ix. Travel to avoid domestic violence or child abuse;
  - x. Travel for parental custody arrangements; and
  - vi-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.
- ~~p.q.~~ For purposes of this Order, 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.



- q. For purposes of this Order, all recreational sites, including parks, playgrounds, beaches, navigable waterways for recreational purposes are closed, except that they may be used for those outdoor activities allowed under section 9.3.iii, provided that (1) every person using the location complies with those limitations for the use of motor vehicle or public transportation set out in section 9.c.iii, and (2) the owner, operator and/or agency responsible for the recreation site has chosen to allow the recreation site to be open to the public, and (3) the owner, operator and/or agency responsible for the recreation site has adopted a Social Distancing Protocol for each such recreation area, which it has publicly posted at the recreational site. ~~and e. Congregational areas in the same recreation sites, such as picnic tables, and canopy areas, and playground equipment are closed, and must be designated as before a recreational site is opened pursuant to a social distancing protocol.~~ In the event of crowding, individual recreation sites may be closed by the Health Officer on a case by case basis. A Social Distancing Protocol for a recreation site shall include:
- i. Identification of, closure, and a means of marking any congregational areas, such as picnic tables, canopy areas, and playground equipment;
  - ii. A determination of the number of people which may safely occupy the recreation area and a means of communicating that number to the public;
  - iii. A plan for sanitation and or restrooms;
  - iv. Posting a sign at the entrance of the facility informing all that they should:
    - a. avoid entering the facility if they have a cough or fever;
    - b. maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one persons who are not part of the same household or living unit;
    - c. sneeze and cough into one's elbow;
    - d. not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact;
    - e. not use any facilities that are closed; and
    - f. not or engage in sports or other activities that use shared equipment.
- r. For purposes of this Order, "Social Distancing Requirements" include maintaining at least six feet social distancing from other individuals, frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer that is recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as effective in combatting COVID-19, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.
- s. To the extent the Sheriff or any chief of police has any questions regarding the definitions under this Order, the Health Officer hereby delegates authority to County Counsel to answer such questions in writing.

10. 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>).

10.11. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601, Health and Safety Code section 101029 and Penal Code section 409.5(a), the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and 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 to public health and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

11.12. This Order is effective for the period beginning at 10:00 p.m. on March 24April 6, 2020, and may be rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

~~12.13.~~ This Order revokes and replaces the Order of the Health Officer originally issued on March ~~24~~<sup>16</sup>, 2020 and all previous Shelter in Place Orders.

~~13.14.~~ Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at County of Mendocino Executive Office, County Administration Building, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California 95482 <sup>[12]</sup>(2) posted on the County website [www.mendocinocounty.org](http://www.mendocinocounty.org) and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

~~14.15.~~ If any provision of this Order to the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Noemi Doohan M.D. PhD.,  
Interim Health Officer, County of Mendocino

## **APPENDIX A**

**Business name:**

**Facility Address:**

**Approximate gross square footage of space open to the public:**

**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 a cough or fever; 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; 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.

☐ 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.

☐ Describe other measures:

**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 [insert maximum number here], 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):

**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 inside the store or immediately outside 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, which the business should attach to this document.

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

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