Calaveras County Public Health Officer Order
ORDER AND EMERGENCY REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING GOVERNOR’S
MARCH 4, 2020 EXECUTIVE ORDER IN CALAVERAS COUNTY

March 27, 2020

PLEASE READ THIS ORDER CAREFULLY, as a violation or failure to comply with this order can result in civil and/or criminal enforcement under state law.

WHEREAS, The Calaveras County Health Officer has declared the County to be under a state of Local Health Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, directing all California residents to remain at home excepted as needed to maintain continuity of operations in essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors as directed by the State Public Health Officer; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the State Public Health officer has designated a list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers,” which can be found at https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf; and

WHEREAS, County officials have reported confusion in the community about which businesses, workplaces, recreational activities, public spaces, and lodgings can remain open, and under what circumstances, while still complying with Governor Gavin Newsom’s March 19, 2020 Executive Order (Executive Order N-33-20) to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, County officials have reported complaints of certain recreational and business activities taking place in the County in a manner that appears to violate Executive Order N-33-20, which, if true, increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission within the County; and

WHEREAS, County officials have reported complaints that people appear to be increasingly congregating at these recreational and business locations operating in violation of Executive Order N-33-20, due to such activities having become scarce elsewhere, which, if true, further increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission within the County; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, a third case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Calaveras County, this time in an individual who resides in a different part of the County than the first two confirmed cases; and

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WHEREAS, the Calaveras County Public Health Department expects additional cases of COVID-19 to be confirmed in residents of Calaveras County in the coming weeks; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve the public health and safety, and to help ensure the local and regional healthcare delivery system of is capable of serving all who may need it during the course of this emergency, further clarification and local implementation of the Governor’s Executive Order N-33-20 is necessary and appropriate;

NOW THEREFORE, Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 101040, 120175, and 120175.5(b) the Health Officer of Calaveras County HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Effective immediately and continuing until the Governor of California modifies or rescinds Executive Order N-33-20, or until extended, terminated or modified by the Health Officer in writing, the following will be in effect for Calaveras County:

1. All non-essential public and private gatherings of any size or type are prohibited except by people who reside in the same household. A “non-essential gathering” is two or more individuals socializing, recreating, or otherwise intentionally sharing physical space except as necessary by essential critical infrastructure workers in the performance of their duties.

2. All individuals, aside from essential critical infrastructure workers while performing their duties, shall remain at their residences except as necessary to perform essential personal and household tasks. Examples of essential personal and household tasks include buying food, necessary clothing, medications and cleaning supplies, sending or receiving mail, attending necessary medical appointments, and engaging in solitary or household exercise activities (such as walking, jogging, or bicycling) that are not otherwise prohibited or precluded by this order or by other state or federal laws, regulations, or orders.

3. When outside their residences, all individuals who do not reside in the same household shall, to the extent physically possible, maintain at least six feet of space from other individuals. Essential critical infrastructure workers shall maintain this space to the extent practicable in the performance of their duties.

4. No individual who is experiencing symptoms of a viral illness (fever, chills, sore or scratchy throat, cough, nasal congestion, body aches, etc.) shall leave his/her residence except to receive medical care in accordance with guidance from health officials.

5. The following facilities and activities are ordered CLOSED and/or STOPPED:
   a. Entertainment, exercise, hobby, and recreational venues such as golf and disc golf courses, camps, shooting ranges, knitting or quilting classes, in-person educational courses or classes, movie theaters, art studios, swimming pools, gyms, playgrounds, fitness studios, basketball, racquetball, and tennis courts,
martial arts and boxing studios, parks, and similar locations or venues and their parking lots. Walking, hiking, and bicycling paths and trails may remain open for solitary or household exercise that is not otherwise prohibited or precluded by this order so long as six feet of distance is strictly maintained between individuals who do not share a household.

b. Restaurants, bars, wineries, tasting rooms, and other food service establishments except to the extent necessary to prepare and package food and beverages for take-out, curbside, drive-through, or delivery services in compliance with all state and local laws.

c. Churches and places of worship.

d. Second hand stores, thrift stores, consignment stores, flea markets, and antiques stores.

e. Hair and nail salons, barber shops, spas, massage parlors, and tattoo parlors.

f. Public, private, and non-profit special events involving shared physical space.

g. Visitor and convention centers.

h. Guided sporting activities such as guided fishing and hunting.

i. Fish, bait and tackle shops.

j. Recreational boating, including the use of either motorized or non-motorized vessels or watercraft.

k. Any similar location, venue, or activity.

6. If there is a question or uncertainty as to whether a location, venue, or activity is authorized under this Order, a written determination from the Calaveras County Health Officer that the use is authorized shall be adequate to authorize such use. In the event it is not possible to obtain a determination in writing, such determination may be received orally.

7. This Order is in addition to the Health Officer's March 26, 2020 Order clarifying the Governor's "stay-at-home" order as it relates to lodging facilities, and the March 26, 2020 order remains in full force and effect.

8. Any person or persons violating the above orders may be subject to citation and/or arrest pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601, Health and Safety Code section 101029, and/or other applicable state and local laws. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and creates and immediate menace to public health.

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This Order takes effect immediately. It shall remain in place until the Governor’s March 19, 2020 Order is rescinded, unless it is extended, terminated or modified by the Health Officer in writing prior to that date.

Dean Kelaita, M.D.
Calaveras County Health Officer

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To view Governor Newsom’s Executive Order, visit
https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/03/19/governor-gavin-newsom-issues-stay-at-home-order/

To view Calaveras County Health Officer Orders and additional resources, visit
https://covid19.calaverasgov.us/

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