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**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE  
MODIFYING PREVIOUS COVID-19 RELATED ORDERS**

WHEREAS, Currently, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. As of August 29, 2020, there are over 25 million cases in the world and over 844,000 deaths. In California, there are 699,909 confirmed cases and 12,905 deaths. We can expect that the number of cases to increase significantly should continued action not be taken to decrease the spread of the disease.

WHEREAS, while there are One-hundred eighty-one (181) confirmed COVID-19 cases within the County, the Tuolumne County Department of Public Health expects additional cases of COVID-19 to be confirmed in residents of Tuolumne County in the coming weeks; and

WHEREAS, due to an increase in COVID-19 cases within neighboring counties, and that Tuolumne County has a high tourist population in the summer, continued restrictions are necessary for the continued safety of local residents; and

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

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2020, the Governor announced the implementation of the "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" and the Acting State Health Officer issued a Statewide Public Health Officer's Order updating the framework for reopening using a set of tiers corresponding to specific epidemiological criteria using case rates per capita and percent of positive COVID-19 tests; indicating the tier for the respective counties would be posted at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19CountyMonitoringOverview.aspx>.

WHEREAS, based on the Blueprint criteria, the County of Tuolumne, is in the Orange/Moderate/Tier 3 level. The State has confirmed this assignment in writing.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 101040, 101085, and 120175, 120175.5 Title 17 California Code of Regulations Section 2501, and Tuolumne County Ordinance Code Chapter 2.40, the Health Officer of the County of Tuolumne orders as follows:

Due to the nature of the pandemic, the Interim Health Officer Dr. Liza Ortiz declares a modification of all current Orders for the safety of Tuolumne County residents, as detailed below:

1. The State Health Officer order and the Governor's Executive Orders and updates will take effect in Tuolumne County immediately upon modification with the following clarifications and modifications.
  - a. Businesses, renters, and property owners in the short-term lodging sector shall adhere to the guidance provided in the state guidance entitled "COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Hotels, Lodging, and Short-Term Rentals" with the following more stringent measures as set forth in this Order:
    - i. Rooms shall be vacated for a minimum of 24 hours from the time the guest(s) leaves until the time that housekeeping/cleaning commences. New guest(s) may not occupy the room prior to the completion of this housekeeping/cleaning.
    - ii. While state guidance allows cleaning earlier than 24 hours, this requires the use of Personal Protective Equipment, including an N-95 respirator. The use of such equipment requires training, as well as a respiratory protection program, and implementation would likely consume resources that would be needed by healthcare workers and therefore, cleaning shall not begin earlier than 24 hours from the time the guest(s) leave.
    - iii. It is recommended that multi-room lodging facilities start with 50% bookings until such time as they can ensure their rooms remain vacant for 24 hours post-vacancy.
    - iv. Violation of this order may result in closure of the offending lodging facility and quarantining of staff due to the concern of unmitigated spread of disease.
2. Effective August 31, 2020, immediately, facilities in the County of Tuolumne may operate as listed in Appendix A, provided they implement the adaptations listed in this Order and State Health Officer order as well as guidance provided by the State. If State guidance for the sector is not posted by the State, the sector is not permitted to open until guidance is posted by the State and approved by the local health officer order.
  - a. As of August 31, 2020, the County of Tuolumne is in the Orange/Moderate/Tier 3 level.
3. State public health directives prohibit professional, social and community mass gatherings. Gatherings are defined as—meetings or other events that bring together persons from multiple households at the same time for a shared or group experience in a single room, space, or place such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, or other indoor or outdoor space. They pose an especially high danger of transmission and spread of COVID-19. On May 25, 2020, in an effort to balance First Amendment interests with public health, the State Public Health Officer created an exception to the prohibition against mass gatherings for faith-based services and cultural ceremonies as well as protests. All other mass gatherings are prohibited until further notice. There are no restrictions on the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

4. All facilities must first perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan. Adaptations need to be made before workplaces can open. Businesses must post their protection plan in their business location, submit a copy to Tuolumne County Public Health via email ([health@tuolumnecounty.ca.gov](mailto:health@tuolumnecounty.ca.gov)) and make it available upon request to others.
  - i. Current information regarding guidance for different business sectors can be found here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>
  - b. The goal is a safe, clean environment for workers and customers. Businesses may use effective alternative or innovative methods to build upon the guidance.
  - c. Before opening, all facilities must:
    - i. Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan
    - ii. Train employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, including how to screen themselves for symptoms and stay home if they have them
    - iii. Implement individual control measures and screenings
    - iv. Implement disinfecting protocols
    - v. Implement physical distancing guidelines
    - vi. Email the site-specific plan to Tuolumne County Public Health ([health@tuolumnecounty.ca.gov](mailto:health@tuolumnecounty.ca.gov))

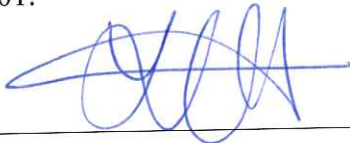
To that end, I ask for your cooperation with the following Health Officer's Order:

I, as Health Officer for the County of Tuolumne, as duly authorized under the Health and Safety Code, Section 120175, am requiring that all residents in Tuolumne County, comply with the recommendations put forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This Order shall be effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. This Order replaces all previous orders related to the COVID-19 emergency, with the exception of the Order issued on May 19, 2020, regarding Febrile Respiratory Illness Screening which remains in effect.

I, as Health Officer for the County of Tuolumne, encourage voluntary compliance with this Health Officer's Order, but both civil and criminal enforcement actions are permitted under the Health and Safety Code.

I ask that anyone who wishes to discuss this Order, contact the Public Health Department at (209) 533-7401.



Liza M. Ortiz, MD, MPH

Interim Health Officer

8/31/2020

Date



## Appendix A

[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-August\\_2020.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-August_2020.pdf)

SECTORS	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
Critical Infrastructure	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications
Limited Services	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications
Hair Salons & Barbershops	Open Indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications
All Retail (including critical infrastructure, except standalone grocers)	Open Indoors with modifications • Max 25% capacity	Open Indoors with modifications • Max 50% capacity	Open Indoors with modifications	Open Indoors with modifications

SECTORS	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
Shopping Centers (Malls, Destination Centers, Swap Meets)	Open Indoors with modifications • Max 25% capacity • Closed common areas • Closed food courts	Open indoors with modifications • Max 50% capacity • Closed common areas • Reduced capacity food courts (see restaurants)	Open indoors with modifications • Closed common areas • Reduced capacity food courts (see restaurants)	Open Indoors with modifications • Reduced capacity food courts (see restaurants)
Personal Care Services	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications
Museums, Zoos, and aquariums	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications • Indoor activities max 25% capacity	Open indoors with modifications • Indoor activities max 50% capacity	Open indoors with modifications

SECTORS	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
Places of Worship	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 50% capacity</li> </ul>
Movie theaters	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 50% capacity</li> </ul>
Hotels and lodging	Open with modifications	Open with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• +Fitness centers (+10%)</li> </ul>	Open with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• +Fitness centers (+25%)</li> <li>• +Indoor pools</li> </ul>	Open with modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• +Fitness Centers (50%)</li> <li>• +Spa facilities etc</li> </ul>
Gyms and Fitness Centers	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 10% capacity</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 25% capacity</li> <li>• +Indoor pools</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• +Saunas</li> <li>• +Spas</li> <li>• +Steam rooms</li> <li>• Max 50% capacity</li> </ul>

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Restaurants	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 50% capacity</li> </ul>
Wineries	Outdoor Only with modifications	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 25% capacity indoors, or 100 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 50% capacity or 200 people indoors, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>
Bars, Breweries, and Distilleries (where no meal provided) (follow restaurants where meal is provided)	Closed	Closed	Open Outdoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 50% capacity</li> </ul>
Family Entertainment Centers	Outdoor Only with modifications e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kart Racing</li> <li>• Mini Golf</li> <li>• Batting Cages</li> </ul>	Outdoor Only with modifications e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kart Racing</li> <li>• Mini Golf</li> <li>• Batting Cages</li> </ul>	Open Indoors for naturally distanced activities with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 25% capacity</li> <li>• Bowling Alleys</li> <li>• Climbing Walls</li> </ul>	Open indoors for activities with increased risk of proximity and mixing with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 50% capacity</li> <li>• Arcade Games</li> <li>• Ice and roller skating</li> <li>• Indoor playgrounds</li> </ul>

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Cardrooms, Satellite Wagering	Outdoor Only with modifications	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications • Max 25% capacity	Open indoors with modifications • Max 50% capacity
Offices	Remote	Remote	Open indoors with modifications • Encourage telework	Open indoors with modifications • Encourage telework
Professional sports	Open • Without live audiences • With modifications	Open • Without live audiences • With modifications	Open • Without live audiences • With modifications	Open • Without live audiences • With modifications