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## **REVISED STAY-AT-HOME ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF AMADOR**

**DATE OF REVISED ORDER: MAY 4, 2020**

**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 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF AMADOR (“HEALTH OFFICER”) SHALL TAKE MEASURES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 OR OCCURRENCE OF ADDITIONAL CASES, AND SO ORDERS:

1. This Order is to clarify that Amador County remains under California Executive Order N-33-20 issued March 19, 2020. In accordance with the Executive Order, the State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health has ordered all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except for essential needs. This Updated Order for Amador County supersedes the previous Amador County Stay at Home Orders issued March 20, 2020, April 3, 2020 and April 30, 2020, shall become effective immediately, and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
2. The presence of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) infection in California has resulted in a total of 52,197 cases and 2,171 deaths (as of 5/1/20). The number of cases and deaths in the State and region continue to increase, but at a lower rate in our local region than statewide.
3. The economy and social well-being of much of the population of Amador County has been severely affected. The State Stay at Home Order addresses most activities and businesses in general terms and thereby allows some flexibility with interpretation. The State website <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#top> has been updated in recent days allowing an expanded list of activities that can readily incorporate social distancing. For more information regarding local interpretation of the Order, please review the Frequently Asked Questions and other information located on the Public Health website: <https://www.amadorgov.org/services/public-health/covid-19/stay-at-home-order-frequently-asked-questions>.
4. The purpose of this Revised Order is to clarify that the Stay-at-Home Order can be interpreted broadly and within reason, thereby allowing relaxed restrictions on activity in the County, consistent with the following principles in mind:

- a. The County must continue to comply with State-issued mandates; relaxed restrictions cannot be implemented until allowed by the State-issued mandates or such time as the State allows for increased local control;
- b. The County does not intend to be more restrictive than the State-issued mandates. If the State-issued mandate is amended or interpreted by the State more liberally, the State's interpretation supersedes the County's;
- c. The County will seek to align with regional approaches to Shelter-in-Place whenever possible and appropriate;
- d. It is highly recommended that vulnerable populations (age 65 and over, people with underlying medical conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 complications) should continue to stay-at-home, and maintain strict social distancing;
- e. All people will maintain social distancing when outside of the home, and are recommended to use cloth facial coverings when with other persons who are not part of their usual household, especially when indoors;
- f. People are discouraged from traveling long distances from their home for recreation or other essential activities. This recommendation is due to the increased risk of viral transmission from out-of-county travel, and it applies to people coming from out of the area who intend to visit or engage in other activities within the County;
- g. People who choose to go out and participate in activities enabled by relaxation of restrictions are aware they do so at their own risk, recognizing they may be exposing themselves, their family, friends and the community to increased risk of COVID-19 infection;
- h. Activities that will be allowed are because of the ability for people to engage in them while maintaining adequate social distancing and avoiding group congregation. These distancing efforts clearly decrease the risk of spread of the virus should one of the participants be infected, thus limiting rapid spread of COVID-19 in our vulnerable community;
- i. Public Health will continue to monitor cases of COVID-19 infection, hospitalizations, and death; should a significant rise in cases occur, loosening of restrictions will be reversed.

The Health Officer may revise this Order as the situation evolves.

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5. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Government Center at 810 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642, (2) posted on the County website ([www.amadorgov.org](http://www.amadorgov.org)), and such other websites as the County may determine; (3) distributed to the electronic and print press, and (4) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**



Rita H. Kerr, M.D.  
Health Officer of the County of Amador

Dated: May 4, 2020

Approved as to form and legality:



Gregory Gillott  
Amador County Counsel

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