ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER
OF THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO DIRECTING ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO SHELTER AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE EXCEPT FOR ESSENTIAL NEEDS AND IDENTIFIED OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS AND THAT THEY MAY LEAVE TO PROVIDE OR RECEIVE CERTAIN ESSENTIAL SERVICES OR ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES AND WORK FOR ESSENTIAL OR LOWER RISK BUSINESSES, AND GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES; PROVIDING LIMITED EXEMPTIONS FROM THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; REQUIRING ALL BUSINESSES AND RECREATION FACILITIES THAT ARE ALLOWED TO OPERATE TO IMPLEMENT SOCIAL DISTANCING, FACE COVERING, AND CLEANING PROTOCOLS; AND DIRECTING ALL BUSINESSES, FACILITY OPERATORS, AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO CONTINUE THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL OTHER OPERATIONS NOT ALLOWED UNDER THIS ORDER

DATE OF ORDER: MAY 28, 2020
EFFECTIVE on MAY 28, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., until JUNE 12, 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., Cal. Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1))

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, AND PENAL CODE SECTION 409.5(a), THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

1. This Order hereby supersedes the prior Shelter in Place Orders previously issued by the Mendocino County Health Officer on May 21, 2020 (“Prior Order”). This Order amends, clarifies, and extends certain terms of the Prior Order to ensure continued social distancing and limit person-to-person contact to reduce the rate of transmission of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”). This Order continues to restrict most activity, travel, and governmental and business functions. But in light of progress achieved in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in the County of Mendocino (the “County”) neighboring counties, and the region, and in accordance with our COVID-19 County Variance Attestation, posted by the State on May 20, 2020, SOCIAL DISTANCING & HYGIENE
(See ¶ 14(s))
- Stay 6+ feet away from others when outside of your home (no shaking hands!)
- Cover coughs & sneezes (cough into your elbows not your hands!)
- Wash hands/ use hand sanitizer
- Businesses must have Social Distance & Hygiene protocol (¶ 14(k) App. A)
- Wearing facial coverings pursuant to separate Heath Officer Order effective May 1, 2020

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This Order allows (only to the extent not otherwise prohibited by the State of California through the Governor’s Executive Orders and State Public Health Directives) a limited number of additional Essential Businesses, certain lower risk Outdoor Businesses and new Lower Risk Businesses and certain Permissible Higher Risk Businesses (as defined in Section 14 below) to resume operating. This initial, measured resumption of those activities is designed to keep the overall volume of person-to-person contact low to prevent a surge in COVID-19 cases in the County and neighboring counties. The activities allowed by this Order will be assessed on an ongoing basis and may need to be modified if the risk associated with COVID-19 increases in the future, as described in Section 9. As of the effective date and time of this Order set forth in Section 19 below, all individuals, businesses, and government agencies in the County are required to follow the provisions of this Order.

2. The primary intent of this Order is to ensure that County residents continue to shelter in their places of residence to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible and mitigate the impact on delivery of critical healthcare services. This Order allows a limited number of additional essential, outdoor, and lower risk business activities to resume while the Health Officer continues to assess the transmissibility and clinical severity of COVID-19 and monitors indicators described in Section 9. 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 14(u) below except as expressly provided in this Order, and are also required to wear facial coverings as provided in the Health Officer’s April 24, 2020 Face Covering Order (“Face Covering Order”). 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 and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

3. 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 person outside of their household or living unit or Social Bubble (as defined in Section 14(x)) when they are outside their residence. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities defined in Section 14(a), Essential or Lower Risk Governmental Functions defined in Section 14(d), certain Permissible Higher Risk Activities defined in Section 14(l), to work for or operate Essential Businesses, defined in Section 14(g). Outdoor Businesses defined in Section 14(h), Lower Risk Businesses defined in Section 14(j), certain Permissible Higher Risk Businesses defined in Section 14(k), or to perform Minimum Basic Operations for other businesses that must remain temporarily closed, as provided in Section 14(r). Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from the requirement to shelter in the place of residence, but should at all times reasonably possible comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined herein and are strongly urged to obtain appropriate shelter as soon as possible. Governmental and other entities, to the extent feasible, are encouraged to make such shelter available, especially for individuals at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

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4. All businesses with a facility in the County, except Essential, Outdoor, Lower Risk, and certain Permissible Higher Risk Businesses as defined below in Section 14, are ordered to cease all activities at facilities located within the County except Minimum Basic Operations, as defined in Section 14(r). For clarity, businesses may also continue operations consisting exclusively of owners, personnel, employees, volunteers, or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home). All businesses allowed to operate under this Order are directed to maximize the number of employees who work from home. Essential Businesses, Lower Risk Businesses, permissible Higher Risk Businesses and Outdoor Businesses may only assign those personnel who cannot perform their job duties from home to work outside the home. Outdoor Businesses must conduct all business and transactions involving members of the public outdoors. Per the Governor’s Resilience Roadmap, before reopening and every two (2) weeks, all businesses allowed to operate under this Order must: (1) Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan (which plan should be in writing and kept on site for easy reference for employees and presented to authorized County officials upon request); (2) 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; (3) implement individual control measures and screenings; (4) implement disinfecting protocols; and (5) implement physical distancing guidelines. Further, as a condition of operating under this Order, all businesses allowed to operate under this Order shall follow industry specific guidance issued by the State (https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/#guidance), any local industry-specific guidance that may be developed in the County, and prepare or update, post, implement, and distribute to their personnel, a Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol as described in Section 14(m) and attached Appendix A, at each of their facilities at which they are maintaining operations, as specified in Section 14. Additionally, prior to re-opening all businesses must complete the self-certification form demonstrating that they have completed these steps and file the self-certification form with the County, located at: https://www.mendocinocountybusiness.org, or by mailing a completed certification form to: County of Mendocino Environmental Health, 860 N. Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482. Businesses which were authorized to operate under any Health Officer order prior to May 21, 2020 must complete the same steps and file the self-certification within 7 days of this order. Healthcare facilities license by the California Department of Public Health are exempt from this self-certification requirement. Businesses that include an Essential Business or Outdoor Business component at their facilities alongside other components must, to the extent feasible, scale down their operations to the Essential Business or Outdoor Business component only; provided, however, that mixed retail businesses that are otherwise allowed to operate under this Order may continue to stock and sell non-essential products. To the greatest extent feasible, all businesses allowed to operate under this Order shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 14 below, including, but not limited to, when any customers are standing in line. All businesses allowed to operate under this Order must follow any State guidance and industry-specific guidance related to COVID-19 that will be developed by industry leaders in the County and adopted by the Health Officer.

5. 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 this Order. Nothing in this Order prohibits members of a single household or living unit from engaging in Essential Travel, Essential Activities, Outdoor Activities, and certain Permissible Higher Risk Activities together.

6. All travel, including, but not limited to, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit, except Essential Travel, Essential Activities, and certain Permissible Higher Risk Activities as defined below in Section 14, is prohibited. People may use public transit or other forms of transportation only for purposes of performing Essential Activities, Outdoor Activities, and certain Permissible Higher Risk Activities or to travel to and from work to operate Essential Businesses, Lower Risk Businesses, Outdoor Businesses, and certain Permissible Higher Risk
Businesses, to maintain Essential or Lower Risk Governmental Functions, or to perform Minimum Basic Operations at all other businesses that must remain temporarily closed, as defined in Section 14 of this Order. Transit agencies and people riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 14(u.) below, to the greatest extent feasible, and personnel and passengers must wear facial coverings as provided by the Face Covering Order, unless otherwise exempted by that order.

7. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 throughout California 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 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 and are transmitting it to others. Further, evidence shows that the virus can survive for hours to days on surfaces and be indirectly transmitted between individuals. 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.

8. The collective efforts taken to date regarding this public health emergency have slowed the virus’ trajectory, but the emergency and attendant risk to public health remain significant. As of May 28, 2020, there are 28 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County (up from 8 on April 24, 2020). Evidence suggests that the restrictions on mobility and social distancing requirements imposed by the Prior Order are slowing the rate of increase in confirmed cases by limiting interactions among people, consistent with scientific evidence of the efficacy of similar measures in other parts of the State, the Country, and the world.

9. The Health Officers will continue the following key indicators (“COVID-19 Indicators”), which are the primary factors informing decisions whether to modify existing shelter-in-place restrictions. Progress on all of these COVID-19 Indicators makes it appropriate, at this time, to ease certain restrictions imposed by the Prior Order to allow individuals to engage in a limited set of additional activities and perform work for a limited set of additional businesses associated with the lower risk of COVID-19 transmission, as set forth in Section 14. But the continued prevalence of the virus that causes COVID-19 requires most activities and business functions to remain restricted, and those activities that are permitted to occur must do so subject to social distancing and other infection control practices identified by the Health Officer. Progress on the COVID-19 Indicators will be critical to determinations by the Health Officer regarding whether the restrictions imposed by this Order may be further modified, including reverting back to more restrictive orders. The Health Officer will continually review whether modifications to the Order are justified based on (1) progress on the COVID-19 Indicators; (2) developments in epidemiological and diagnostic methods for tracing, diagnosing, treating, or testing for COVID-19; and (3) scientific understanding of the transmission dynamics and clinical impact of COVID-19. The COVID-19 Indicators include, but are not limited to, the following:
a. The trend of the number of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations per day.

b. The capacity of hospitals and the health system in the County and region, including acute care beds and Intensive Care Unit beds, to provide care for COVID-19 patients and other patients, including during a surge in COVID-19 cases.

c. The supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) available for hospital staff and other healthcare providers and personnel who need PPE to safely respond to and treat COVID-19 patients.

d. The ability and capacity to quickly and accurately test persons to determine whether they are COVID-19 positive, especially those in vulnerable populations or high-risk settings or occupations.

e. The ability to conduct case investigation and contact tracing for the volume of cases and associated contacts that will continue to occur, isolating confirmed cases and quarantining persons who have had contact with confirmed cases.

10. The scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it remains essential to continue to slow virus transmission to help (a) protect the most vulnerable; (b) prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed; (c) prevent long-term chronic health conditions, such as cardiovascular, kidney, and respiratory damage and loss of limbs from blood clotting; and (d) prevent deaths. Extension of the Prior Order is necessary to slow the spread of the COVID-19 disease, preserving critical and limited healthcare capacity in the County and advancing toward a point in the public health emergency where transmission can be controlled. At the same time, since the Prior Order was issued the County has made significant progress in expanding health system capacity and healthcare resources. In light of progress on these indicators, the COVID-19 County Variance Attestation posted by the State on May 20, 2020, and subject to continued public health-based monitoring, in addition to those already allowed to operate under the Prior Order as Essential, Outdoor and Lower Risk Businesses, it is appropriate at this time to begin allowing specified Permissible Higher Risk Businesses to operate in the County. These businesses are identified based on health-related considerations and the ability to comply with Social Distancing and Hygiene requirements.

11. 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 May 4, 2020, Executive Order N-60-20 directing continued compliance with State Public Health Directives, and the May 7, 2020 Order of the State Public Health Officer allowing all local health jurisdictions to begin gradual movement into Stage 2, effective May 8, 2020; 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.

12. 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, as changing circumstances dictate.

13. This Order is also issued in light of the March 19, 2020 Order of the State Public Health Officer (the “State Shelter Order”), which set baseline statewide restrictions on non-residential business activities, effective until further notice, as well as the Governor’s March 19, 2020, Executive Order N-33-20 directing California residents to follow the State Shelter Order, and the May 4, 2020, Executive Order N-60-20 directing continued compliance with State Public Health Directives, including the State Shelter Order. On April 14, 2020, the State presented the Pandemic Roadmap, a four-stage plan for modifying the State Shelter Order, and on May 4, 2020, announced that entry into Stage 2 of the plan would be imminent. On May 7, 2020, the State released updated industry guidance to help reopen some sectors, including retail, manufacturing and logistics, with modifications, beginning May 8, 2020. The State Shelter Order and updated industry guidance is complementary to the Prior Order and is complementary to this Order. This Order adopts in certain respects more stringent restrictions addressing the particular facts and circumstances in this County, which are necessary to control the public health emergency as it is evolving within the County and the region. Without this tailored set of restrictions that further reduces the number of interactions between persons, scientific evidence indicates that the public health crisis in the County will worsen to the point at which it may overtake available health care resources within the County. Also, this Order enumerates new guidelines on non-work-related travel not covered by the State Shelter Order; sets forth mandatory Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements for all individuals in the County when engaged in activities outside their residences; and adds a mechanism to ensure that all businesses with facilities that are allowed to operate under the Order comply with the Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements. Where a conflict exists between this Order and any state public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the most restrictive provision controls. Consistent with California Health and Safety Code section 131080 and the Health Officer Practice Guide for Communicable Disease Control in California, except where the State Health Officer may issue an order expressly directed at this Order and based on a finding that a provision of this Order constitutes a menace to public health, any more restrictive measures in this Order continue to apply and control in this County. In addition, to the extent any federal guidelines allow activities that are not allowed by this Order, this Order controls and those activities are not allowed.

   a. For purposes of this Order, individuals are allowed to leave their residence only to perform any of the following “Essential Activities.” For those activities which are identified as both an Essential Activity and an Outdoor Activity (14.i.) or Permissible Higher Risk Activity (14.l.), it is not necessary to comply with the restrictions found only in Essential Activities, unless the Health Officer is required to return the County to Phase 1. Essential Activities are:
      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, or 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 (such as cleaning or disinfection 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 recreation activity, such as walking, jogging, hiking or bicycling, swimming, surfing, kayaking, canoeing, golfing, animal-related recreation, and any lawful solitary activity in compliance with the Social Distancing Requirements in this order, in compliance with the Health Officer’s Orders pertaining to Facial Coverings, and with the following limitations:
   a. The recreation must be initiated from within fifty (50) miles of one’s residence (as measured in a straight line on a map), and is urged to remain within one county to limit the transmission of the virus;
   b. Outdoor recreation activity at parks, beaches, and other open spaces must comply with any restrictions on access and use established by the Health Officer, government, or other entity that manages such area to reduce crowding and risk of transmission of COVID-19. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, restricting the number of entrants, closing the area to vehicular access and parking, closure to all public access, or limitation of the hours of access;
   c. Use of recreational areas with high-touch equipment or that encourage gathering, including, but not limited to, playgrounds, outdoor gym equipment, picnic areas, and barbecue areas, is prohibited outside of residences, and all such areas shall be closed to public access including by signage and, as appropriate, by physical barriers;
   d. Sports or activities approved in this section that include the use of shared equipment or physical contact between participants may only be engaged in by members of the same household or living unit; or by a Social Bubble, as defined in Section 14(x).
   e. Use of shared facilities for recreational activities that may occur outside of residences, consistent with the restrictions set forth in subsections a., b., c., and d. above and excluding spectator events, include, but are not limited to, golf courses, skate parks, athletic fields, shooting and archery ranges, basketball courts, tennis courts, horseback riding facilities and stables (singles), disc golf parks, dog parks, boat ramps, animal-related recreation facilities, race tracks, must, before they may begin, comply with social distancing and health/safety protocols posted at the site and any other restrictions, including prohibitions, on access and use established by the Health Officer, government, or any other entity that manages such an area to reduce crowding and risk of transmission of COVID-19, (See, e.g., Appendix C-1 Recreational Safety Protocol COVID-19 Prevention (Golf)).

iv. People in a household or living unit, or Social Bubble as defined in Section 14(x), may recreate in their vehicles by way of example, travel to a location for outdoor recreation, attend a drive-in or drive-through event, or simply engage in recreational driving or boating. The vehicular recreation must stay within fifty (50) miles of one’s residence (as measured in a straight line on a map), and is urged to remain within one county to limit the transmission of the virus.

v. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business, Outdoor Business, Lower Risk Business, or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.

vi. To provide necessary care for a family member or pet in another household who has no other source of care or who needs assistance, or to care for the property of a family member who is hospitalized or deceased.

vii. To attend a funeral with no more than 12 individuals (including staff) present, and at which members of different households or living units maintain social distancing from each other.

viii. To perform volunteer activities or services in Work Groups (including staff), (defined in Section 14y.) and at which members of different households, living units, or Social
Bubbles maintain social distancing from each other, for all businesses or activities allowed under this Order.

ix. To move residences. 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.

b. Healthcare personnel, first responders, and disaster service workers who have traveled outside of Mendocino County and are returning to essential activities in Mendocino County are strongly urged to either quarantine for 14 days or follow the specific CDC Guidance for healthcare personnel (HCP) found at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work or volunteer for, or obtain services at any “Healthcare Operations” including, including without limitation, hospitals, clinics, dentists (including preventative dental care), 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.

c. 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, airport operations, utilities (including water, sewer, gas, and electrical), oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste facilities (including collection, removal, disposal, recycling, and processing facilities), internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), cemeteries, mortuaries, crematoriums, provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements as defined in this Section, to the extent possible.

d. For purposes of this Order, all first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, public safety personnel (lifeguards, search and rescue, etc.), 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,” or “Lower Risk Governmental Functions” as determined by the governmental entity performing those functions in the County. Each governmental entity shall identify and designate appropriate employees, contractors, or volunteers to continue providing and carrying out any Essential or Lower Risk Governmental Functions, including the hiring or retention of new personnel or contractors to perform such functions. All Essential or Lower Risk 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.

e. For purposes of this Order, a “business”, includes 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.

f. Skilled nursing facilities are prohibited from allowing visitation with their residents unless the resident is experiencing end of life.

g. 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. All such essential businesses shall follow industry specific guidance as issued by the State at https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/#guidance. For any business that is listed as both Essential Business and Lower Risk (¶ 14.j.), Outdoor Business (¶ 14.h), or Permissible Higher Risk Business (¶ 14.k) under this Order, it is not necessary to comply with restrictions found only in the Essential Business category, unless the Health Officer is required to return the County to Phase 1. In addition, Essential Businesses for purposes of this Order are:

i. Healthcare Operations and businesses that operate, maintain, or repair Essential Infrastructure;

ii. Grocery stores, licensed farmers’ markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of unprepared food, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supplies, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, as well as hygienic products 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, commercial seaweed harvesting, fishing for food, aquaculture and seafood harvesting, 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. Human service providers, especially for at risk populations, and businesses that provide food, shelter, healthcare services, support for activities of daily living, social services, and other necessities of life to people who are economically disadvantaged or people with disabilities, older adults, and others with chronic health conditions who live independently in the community with supports and services;

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;
   d. Public works projects;
   e. Shelters and temporary housing;
   f. 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;
   g. 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
   h. Construction or repair necessary to ensure that residences and buildings containing Essential Businesses or non-essential business conducting Minimum Basic Operations are safe, sanitary, or habitable to the extent such construction or repair cannot reasonably be delayed;
i. All construction as defined in Lower Risk Businesses below and as permitted in the State Shelter Order, which may be revoked as necessary pursuant to the indicators in Section 9 above.

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;
x. Bicycle repair and supply shops;
xi. Banks and related financial institutions;

xii. Service providers that enable real estate transactions (including rentals, leases, and home sales), including, but not limited to, real estate agents, escrow agents, notaries, real estate brokers, and title companies. Agents who show properties should follow industry specific guidance (https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-real-estate.pdf) and appointments and other residential viewings must only occur virtually, if feasible. If a virtual viewing is not feasible, in person viewing of properties is only allowed if:

a. The viewing is made by appointment,
b. The viewing includes no more than one buying party at a time and one individual showing the unit,
c. The viewing does not involve travel with overnight accommodations,
d. the residence being shown is unoccupied during the showing, and no one who has been living in the residence has been in an isolation or quarantine for 14 days or more, and no one has had COVID-19 related symptoms for 14 days or more prior to the showing.
e. The person showing the property ensures that every surface touched during a viewing is disinfected, that everyone present for the viewing wears a facial covering at all times, and that social distancing requirements are adhered to at all times.

xiii. Hardware, home improvement stores, home appliance stores, and nurseries;
xiv. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the habitability, safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, Essential Businesses, and Lower Risk Businesses;
xv. 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 purely cosmetic purposes;
xvi. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
xvii. Educational institutions—including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities—for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions, or as allowed under subparagraph xxix. regarding Childcare establishments, provided that social distancing of six feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible for those who are age 13 and older;
xviii. Laundromats, drycleaners, and laundry service providers;
xix. 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;

xx. Funeral home providers, mortuaries, cemeteries, and crematoriums, to the extent necessary for the transport, preparation, or processing of bodies or remains;

xxi. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate. This exemption alone shall not be used as a basis for engaging in sales to the general public from retail storefronts;

xxii. Workers supporting restaurant carry-out and quick serve food operations and businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences as long as all COVID-19 precautionary measures are implemented;

xxiii. Taxis and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;

xxiv. Home-based care for seniors, adults, disabled persons, pets or children;

xxv. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;

xxvi. Professional services, such as legal, notary or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with non-elective, legally mandated activities, estate and end of life planning;

xxvii. Services to assist individuals in finding employment with Essential Businesses;

xxviii. Moving services that facilitate residential or commercial moves that are allowed under this Order

xxix. Childcare and other programs providing care or supervision for children of all ages within Childcare Units or Children’s Extracurricular Activity Units (as defined in section 14.x.ii and iii). To the extent possible, childcare facilities are ordered to operate under the following conditions:

a. Compliance with all State Guidance on Childcare. For example, those childcare providers which are licensed by State of California, Community Care Licensing Division, should comply with Provider Information Notice Summary Guidance for Childcare Industry; https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/PINs/2020/CCP/PIN_20-06-CCP.pdf


c. A childcare provider or other program operating as an essential business may change the composition of a Childcare Unit or Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit when necessary to accommodate the needs of a child, to accommodate an unexpected change in a parent’s occupation or work schedule, or due to other extraordinary circumstances, provided that the provider or program employ reasonable efforts to minimize the number of such changes over any 4 week period.

d. If more than one Childcare Unit or Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other.

e. Childcare providers or educators shall remain solely with one Childcare Unit or Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit and must also, not change groups more than once every 4 weeks.

f. Babysitters may also come to the residence to care for children.

g. The Health Officer will carefully monitor the changing public health situation as well as any changes to the State Shelter Order. In the event that the State relaxes restrictions on childcare and related institutions and programs, the
Health Officer will consider whether to similarly relax the restrictions imposed by this Order.

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

h. For purposes of this Order, “Outdoor Businesses” are:
   i. The following businesses that normally operated primarily outdoors prior to March 17, 2020, and where there is the ability to fully maintain social distancing of at least six feet between all persons:
      a. Businesses primarily operated outdoors, such as wholesale and retail plant nurseries, agricultural operations, garden centers, and recreational facilities.
      c. Service providers that primarily provide outdoor services, such as landscaping and gardening services, and environmental site remediation services.

   ii. For clarity, “Outdoor Businesses” do not include outdoor restaurants, cafes, or bars.

i. For purposes of this Order, “Outdoor Activities” means:
   i. To obtain goods, services, or supplies from, or perform work for, and Outdoor Business.
   ii. To engage in outdoor recreation as permitted in Section 14(a).

j. For purposes of this Order, “Lower Risk Businesses” are:
   i. All destination retail establishments (retail stores, including licensed retail cannabis dispensaries), and shopping malls, swap meets, and strip malls may re-open for limited in-person shopping, and should continue to offer and encourage curbside pick-up and delivery. Retailers must follow the COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Retail (https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail.pdf), and Shopping Malls, etc., must follow the COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Shopping Malls, Destination Shopping Centers, Strip and Outlet Malls, and Swap Meets. All destination retail establishments should comply with CDC Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html) and must establish a Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol (Appendix A);
      a. Retailers should continue to facilitate curb-side pick-up and delivery and encourage social distancing, e.g., loading items directly into a customer’s trunk or leaving items at their door.
      b. Retailers should install hands-free devices, if possible, including motion sensor lights, contactless payment systems, automatic soap and paper towel dispensers, and timecard systems.
      c. To the extent any such purchases by curb-side must be returned or exchanged, it is strongly recommended that the retail establishment determine the appropriate disinfection prior to resale of the item, including a waiting period for restocking prior to resale for those items for which disinfection is not appropriate, (e.g., clothing) as early information from the CDC and other health experts suggests that SARS-CoV-2 can survive on certain types of surfaces, such as plastic and stainless steel, for 2-3 days.

   ii. All manufacturing as permitted in the State Shelter Order is allowed with adaptations such as following the COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Manufacturing (https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-manufacturing.pdf), complying with CDC Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html) and establishing a Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol (Appendix A),
a. Operation of manufacturing in Work Groups, (as defined in Section 14.y.) is strongly encouraged.

b. Manufacturing companies should close breakrooms, create outdoor break areas with shade covers and seating that ensures physical distancing.

iii. All construction as permitted in the State Shelter Order in accordance with COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Construction (https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-construction.pdf), and pursuant to Construction Safety Protocols listed in Appendix B, and incorporated into this Order by this reference.

   a. As of May 2, 2020, State Shelter Order defines permission construction as “construction, operation, inspection, and maintenance of construction sites and construction projects (including housing, commercial, and mixed-use construction); and workers who support the supply chain of building materials from production through application/installation, including cabinetry, fixtures, doors, cement, hardware, plumbing, electrical, heating/cooling, refrigeration, appliances, paint/coatings, and employees who provide services that enable repair materials and equipment for essential functions.”

iv. Select “Limited Services” pursuant to compliance with COVID-19 Industry Guidance located at https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-limited-services.pdf, and defined to include as follows:

   a. Businesses which do not generally require close customer contact, and can provide services while maintaining appropriate social distancing from customers or the public, such as laundromats, dry cleaners, other laundry services, auto repair shops, car washes, landscapers, pet grooming, and dog walking.

   b. Businesses for which service provision may necessitate entry to private residences or community facilities, but social distancing can still be maintained, such as residential and janitorial cleaning services, HVAC services, appliance repair persons, electricians, plumbers, other mechanical tradespersons, handypersons, and general contractors.

   c. According to State Guidance this category is not intended to include personal care services that necessitate close customer contact, including hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, massage parlors, aestheticians and cosmetology, ear piercing salons, and tattoo parlors.


vi. Dine-In Restaurants may open for limited dining and must follow the specific COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Dine-In Restaurants (https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-dine-in-restaurants.pdf) which includes requirements for worksite specific COVID-19 prevention plan, comprehensive risk assessment of all work areas, employee training, individual control measures and screening, cleaning and disinfection protocols, and social distancing guidelines. Such establishments should continue to encourage takeout and delivery service whenever possible.

   a. Display Requirements: Such establishments should display a set of clearly visible rules for customers and restaurant personnel at the restaurant entrance(s) that are to be a condition of entry. The rules could include instructions to use hand sanitizer, maintain physical distance from other customers, avoid unnecessary touching of restaurant surfaces, contact information for the local health department, and changes to restaurant services. Whenever possible, the rules should be available digitally, include pictograms, and included on/with menus.

   b. Screening and Use of Facial Coverings: Guests and visitors should be screened for symptoms upon arrival, asked to use hand sanitizer, and to
bring and wear a face covering when not eating or drinking. Appropriate signage should also be prominently displayed outlining proper face covering usage and current physical distancing practices in use at all entrances and throughout the property.

c. Brewpubs, craft distilleries, breweries, bars, pubs, and wineries should remain closed for on-site consumption unless they are offering sit-down, dine-in meals. Alcohol (for on-site consumption) can only be sold in the same transaction as a meal. Sealed alcoholic beverages may be sold as part of retail transactions.

d. According to State Guidance, this reopening is not intended for concert, performance, or entertainment venues. Those types of establishments should remain closed until they are allowed to resume modified or full operation through a specific reopening order or guidance. Establishments that serve full meals must discontinue this type of entertainment until these types of activities are allowed to resume modified or full operation.

k. For purposes of this Order, “Permissible Higher Risk Businesses” are:

i. Places of Worship may open for in-person religious services and cultural ceremonies provided that each such establishment follow the specific COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Places of Worship, et al. (https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf) and each of the following restrictions in subsections a. through e. below. Such establishments should also continue to encourage and facilitate remote services and other related activities for those who are vulnerable to COVID-19 including older adults and those with co-morbidities.

a. For purposes of this Order “Places of Worship” includes venues such as churches, mosques, temples and synagogues, which traditionally engaged in the practice of religious services or cultural ceremonies prior to the initial Health Officer Orders issued on March 17, 2020. “Places of Worship” does not include any venue whose sole religious or cultural function consists of renting the venue to others for discrete events (e.g., commercial wedding venues, event centers, conference centers, etc.).

b. In order to determine the capacity restrictions required by the State Guidance for Places of Worship (i.e., 25% of building capacity or a maximum of 100 attendees, whichever is lower), such venues must rely on the maximum occupancy for the building as originally determined by the Fire Chief in the District where the venue is located, (e.g., Anderson Valley, Fort Bragg, Hopland, Ukiah, or Willits), and for all other areas, by the County Building Official.

c. In addition to the State Guidance, a Place of Worship may only hold a single religious service or cultural ceremony or activity at any one time on its grounds which share amenities such as parking lots and restroom facilities.

d. A Place of Worship may hold multiple religious services or cultural ceremonies in one day, provided that there are sufficient breaks between each scheduled service such that all participants have left the grounds, including parking lots and restroom facilities, and there has been sufficient time for and completion of thorough disinfection of the venue and all other touch surfaces (e.g., microphones, stands, music stands, instruments, items on pulpits and podiums and as specifically referenced in the COVID-19 Industry Guidance).

e. A Place of Worship may hold an outdoor religious service or cultural ceremony on its grounds at an amount not to exceed 100 attendees provided that the grounds can accommodate sufficient social distancing, hygiene and disinfection pursuant to State Guidance (https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf), and there are sufficient parking and restroom
amenities to accommodate the increased capacity with all appropriate social distancing.

f. Note: The above limitations on in-person religious services and cultural ceremonies at Places of Worship will be reviewed at least once every 21 days beginning May 28, 2020, to assess the impacts of these imposed limits on public health and provide further direction as part of phased-in restoration of gatherings that implicate the First Amendment.


iii. Hair Salons and Barbershops may open provided that each such establishment follow the specific COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Hair Salons and Barbershops, and only for such services as the State Guidance permits, i.e., limited to those services that can be provided with both the worker and customer wearing face coverings for the entirety of the service, e.g., haircuts, weaves and extensions, braiding, lock maintenance, wig maintenance, hair relaxing treatments, and color services. Services that require touching the customer’s face, e.g., eyelash services, eyebrow services, eyebrow waxing and threading, facials, etc., are suspended until those types of services are allowed to resume by the State and Local Health Officer Orders.

I. For purposes of this Order, “Higher Risk Activities” means:

i. To engage in political protest, pursuant to statewide guidance strongly recommending those exercising their right to engage in political expression utilize alternative channels, such as online and broadcasting platforms available in the digital age. In the event of any in-person political protest, participants must adhere to all of the following requirements:
   a. Attendance is limited to 25% of the relevant area’s maximum capacity as defined by local permitting authority;
   b. Social distancing of at least six feet is required between all protest participants from different households, living units or Social Bubbles;
   c. Facial coverings must be worn at all times, unless participants are unable to for health-related reasons or due to barriers to access;
   d. Participants must maintain a physical distance of six feet from any uniformed peace officers and other public safety personnel present, unless otherwise directed and follow all requirements imposed by law enforcement or other applicable authorities;
   e. Note: The above limitations on in-person protest attendance will be reviewed at least once every 21 days beginning May 28, 2020, to assess the impacts of these imposed limits on public health and provide further direction as part of phased-in restoration of gatherings that implicate the First Amendment.

ii. To engage in religious services or cultural ceremonies at Places of Worship, which follow COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Places of Worship and Providers of Religious and Cultural Services, (https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf), provided that participants wear facial coverings (pursuant to the Health Officer’s Facial Covering Order) and social distancing of at least six feet is required by all participants from different households, living units, or Social Bubbles.


m. For the purposes of this Order, all businesses that are operating at facilities in the County visited or used by the public or personnel must, as a condition of such operation, follow the COVID-19 Industry Guidance identified by the State (https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/#guidance); and prepare (or continue to maintain) and post
a “Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol” for each of their facilities in the County, provided, however, that construction activities shall instead comply with the Construction Project Safety Protocols set for in Appendix B and not the Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol. The Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol must be substantially in the form attached to this Order as Appendix A, and it must be updated from prior versions to address new requirements listed in this Order or in such industry-specific forms as are later adopted by the Health Officer. The Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol must be posted at or near the entrance of the relevant facility, and shall be easily viewable by the public and personnel. A copy of the Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol must also be provided to each person performing work at the facility. All businesses subject to this paragraph shall implement the Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol and provide evidence of its implementation to any authority enforcing this Order upon demand. The Social Distancing and Hygiene 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. Encouraging facial coverings to be worn by all persons entering the facility other than those exempted from facial coverings requirements (e.g., children 12 and under and those for whom it is not advised for health-related reasons, etc.), consistent with HO Order on Facial Coverings dated April 24, 2020;

iii. Where lines may form at a facility, marking six-foot increments at a minimum, establishing where individuals should stand to maintain adequate social distancing;

iv. 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 personnel, and in locations where there is high-frequency employee interaction with members of the public (e.g., cashiers);

v. 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;

vi. Regularly disinfecting other high-touch surfaces;

vii. Posting a sign at the entrance of the facility informing all personnel 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

viii. 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).

ix. Essential businesses are also encouraged to find ways to protect individuals over 65 years of age, or those who are otherwise at a greater risk from COVID-19, such as designated shopping hours. Further it is recommended that Essential Businesses encourage people to shop in the smallest groups possible.

n. For purposes of this Order, clothing sold in businesses allowed to operate under this Order, shall not be sold in any manner which allows the customer to try on before a purchase is made;

o. For purposes of this Order, single family residences shall not be rented as transient lodging and shall not be rented for vacation or other non-essential purposes, 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 purposes or for employees of business allowed to operate under this Order, is prohibited for the protection of our community and to ensure the community has lodging available if necessary for surge capacity and emergency purposes.

p. 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.

q. For purposes of this Order, an employer shall not knowingly allow an employee to work sick in violation of section 15.

r. 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 and facilities; ensure security, safety, and sanitation; process payroll and employee benefits; provide for the delivery of existing inventory or gift cards directly to residences or businesses; and related functions. For clarity, this section alone does not permit businesses to provide curbside pickup to customers.

   ii. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate owners, employees, and contractors of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences, and to ensure that the business can deliver its service remotely.

   iii. Those operations necessary for venues, such as concert halls, auditoriums, churches, temples, and playhouses, to enable a recorded and/or live-streamed event to be shared virtually with the public, with the following limitations:

      a. Events at a single venue must involve not more than 12 individuals, i.e., a Work Group (as defined in Section 14.w) for reoccurring events or present for the live event. All others must participate remotely, such as in separate vehicles or from their residence;

      b. Social Distancing Requirements should be maintained to the extent possible, including maintaining at least six feet of physical distancing from other individuals (physical distancing not required for members of the same household or living unit or Social Bubble), 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, not shaking hands, and, for those who are not on camera, to wear facial coverings as much as possible;

      c. The venue should take measures to ensure that any additional risk of transmission of COVID-19, due to singing or any similar activity, is mitigated. Such measures may include the use of a plexiglass screen between singers in the same venue, proper ventilation, distancing greater than six feet, and ensuring singers are not positioned face-to-face.

s. 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, certain permissible Higher Risk Activities, Essential and Lower Risk Governmental
Functions, Essential Businesses, Minimum Basic Operations, Outdoor Activities, Outdoor Businesses, Lower Risk Businesses and certain Permissible Higher Risk Businesses.

ii. Any travel related to drive-in recreation, as specified in 14(a.)(iv.)

iii. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.

iv. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services.

v. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction.

vi. Travel required by law enforcement or court order.

vii. 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;

viii. Travel to manage after-death arrangements and burial;

ix. Travel to arrange for shelter or avoid homelessness;

x. Travel to avoid domestic violence or child abuse;

xi. Travel for parental custody arrangements; and

xii. 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.

t. 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.

u. For purposes of this Order, “Social Distancing Requirements” include maintaining at least six feet of 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, not shaking hands, wearing a facial covering when out in public, to the extent required by the separate Health Officer Orders regarding Facial Coverings, and avoiding all social interactions outside the household when sick with a fever, cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms.

i. All individuals must strictly comply with Social Distancing Requirements, except to the limited extent necessary to provide care (including childcare, adult or senior care, care to individuals with special needs, and patient care); as necessary to carry out the work of Essential Businesses, Essential Governmental Functions, or provide for Minimum Basic Operations; or as otherwise expressly provided in this Order. Outdoor Activities, Lower Risk Businesses and Outdoor Businesses must strictly adhere to these Social Distancing Requirements.

v. 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.

w. For the purposes of this Order, “Stable Group of 12” means a group of individuals with not more than twelve (12) members over a four (4) week time period, as part of either a Household Support Unit, a Childcare Unit, a Children’s Extracurricular Activity, or a Work Group.

x. For the Purposes of this Order, “Social Bubble” means a Stable Group of 12 individuals who form either a Household Support Unit, a Childcare Unit, or a Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit for the purposes of engaging in those activities allowed under this Order.
Social Bubbles are not required to engage in social distancing from each other when they are engaging in activities permitted under this order, but they should continue to comply with all other applicable requirements (i.e., staying home while sick, obeying quarantine and isolation orders, etc.). Each type of Social Bubble is counted separately. By way of example, a child may be part of a Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit and a Childcare Unit, but may not participate in two different Childcare Units.

i. “Household Support Unit” means a Stable Group of 12 individuals who engage in the sort of support and activities which are typical of members of the same household (e.g. carpooling, transporting children, childcare, family recreation, religious services, etc.), regardless of whether they physically occupy the same dwelling. Each person may only be part of a single Household Support Unit, and every resident of a single dwelling unit must be part of the same Household Support Unit, except that a child who resides in more than one dwelling unit as part of a court-ordered shared custody arrangement may be part of the Household Support Unit of each of their custodians.

ii. “Childcare Unit” means a Stable Group of 12 individuals (typically 10 children and 1-2 adults) who are together for the purposes of the Essential Business of childcare under 14.g.xxxix. Each person (adult or child) may only be part of a single Childcare Unit, but children in the same household may be part of separate, age-appropriate Childcare Units.

iii. “Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit” means a Stable Group of 12 individuals (typically 10 children and 1-2 adults) who are together for purposes of organized recreation under 14.a.iii. Each person (adult or child) may only be part of a single Extracurricular Activity Unit, but children in the same household may be part of separate, age-appropriate Extracurricular Activity Units.

y. For the Purposes of this Order, “Work Group” means a Stable Group of 12 individuals who engage in certain work-related activities, such as employment, volunteer activities, and the live-streaming or video-recording of events. These individuals should social distance and wear facial coverings to the extent possible, unless they are part of a household, living unit, or Social Bubble.

z. For the purposes of this Order, a “Shared Pool” means an indoor or outdoor swimming pool that ordinarily involves access or use by more than one household or living unit.

15. 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. These people should make a reasonable effort to avoid leaving home by utilizing delivery services, telecommunications, or other means available. Nothing herein prevents a person at high risk of severe illness from leaving home for the reasons otherwise allowed under this Order, if the Essential Activity, Essential Business, or other permissible conduct cannot reasonably be accomplished at their place of residence. 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:

a. People aged 65 years and older.

b. People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

c. Other high-risk conditions could include:

i. People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma.

ii. People who have serious heart conditions.

iii. People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment.
iv. 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. 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.

16. For purposes of this Order, all recreational sites, including parks, playgrounds, beaches, and navigable waterways for recreational purposes may be opened for those outdoor activities allowed under this Order under this conditions that (1) every person using the location complies with travel limitations set out in this Order (2) the owner, operator and/or agency responsible for the recreation site has chosen to allow the recreation site to be open, 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. Congregational areas in recreation sites, such as picnic tables, canopy areas, and playground equipment are closed, and must be designated as such before a recreational site is opened pursuant to a social distancing protocol. A Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol for a recreation site shall include:
   a. Identification, closure, and a means of marking any congregational areas, such as picnic tables, canopy areas, and playground equipment;
   b. A method to avoid crowding or the use of the recreation site by any number of people too large to allow for social distancing;
   c. A plan for sanitation and/or restrooms that ensures an adequate supply of soap or hand sanitizer and advises visitors to wash hands frequently, or a plan for notifying visitors of the lack of such facilities;
   d. Posting a sign at the entrance of the recreation area informing all that they should:
      i. avoid entering the recreation site if they have a cough or fever;
      ii. maintain a minimum six-foot distance from persons who are not part of the same household or living unit;
      iii. sneeze and cough into one’s elbow;
      iv. not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact;
      v. wear facial coverings at all times;
      vi. not use any facilities or equipment that are closed; and
      vii. not engage in sports or other activities that use shared equipment.
   e. Shared Pools (defined in Section 14z. above) may only be opened for limited access if all areas are actively monitored and managed to ensure the facility is only used by the same 12 members of a Childcare Unit or Children’s Extracurricular Unit (including childcare provider, swim team coach and/or swim instructor) at one time, per pool, and compliance with all of the following requirements:
      i. Closure of shared locker rooms and dry rooms and limiting access to restrooms to the unit and staff accessing the facility at one time with cleaning in between each group.
      ii. Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces in between each time they are used by a separate Childcare Unit or Children’s Extracurricular Unit, (e.g., handrails, kickboards, door handles, surfaces of restrooms, handwashing stations etc.) and for indoor shared pools, ensuring proper ventilation.
      iii. Increased water sanitation levels (within safe limits), e.g., maintaining chlorine level closer to 2.0PPM.
      iv. Posting visible markers on the floor to indicate appropriate spacing on the pool deck, entrances, etc.
v. Staggering use of the facility by only one Childcare Unit or Children’s Extracurricular Unit at one time with breaks in between each unit to allow for proper and thorough cleaning and sanitation.

vi. Childcare provider, swim team coach, and/or swim instructor is counted as part of the Childcare Unit or Children’s Extracurricular Activity Unit and also, not change groups more than once every 4 weeks.

f. Additionally, a Shared Pool may be used pursuant to the same restrictions in subsection (e.) i. through vi., above):
   i. By a Work Group of up to 12 individuals for lifeguard training;
   ii. For pool-based physical therapy (as prescribed by a medical professional) for up to 12 individuals at one time, per pool

For the purposes of this section, a public recreation area that has no owner, operator, and/or responsible agency (such as unmanaged land subject to the public trust doctrine), shall be considered to have adopted a social distancing protocol when it is accessed through property whose owner, operator and/or responsible agency has adopted a social distancing protocol under this section. In the event of crowding, recreation sites may be closed by the Health Officer on a case by case basis.

17. 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 the adopting and posting of a Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol and adequate provision of hand sanitizer, soap and water, or other disinfectant. 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).

18. 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.

19. This Order is effective for the period beginning at 11:59 p.m. on May 28, 2020, and may be rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

20. This Order revokes and replaces the Order of the Health Officer originally issued on May 22, 2020, and all previous Shelter in Place Orders.

21. 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 (2) posted on the County website www.mendocinocounty.org and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
22. 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: 05/28/2020
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Issued by: Noemi Doohan M.D. PhD.,
Health Officer, County of Mendocino
APPENDIX A to Health Officer’s Order
SOCIAL DISTANCING AND HYGIENE PROTOCOL
COVID-19 PREVENTION

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-servign 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):
☐ Businesses and facilities re-opening should comply with the CDC Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html)
☐ 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:

Name: __________________________
Phone number: ___________________
APPENDIX B to Health Officer Order
CONSTRUCTION SAFETY PROTOCOL COVID-19 PREVENTION

The following are required elements of a Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol for construction businesses engaged in allowed construction activity under this Order.

1. If requested, submit to the appropriate County Representative the new or updated Social Distancing Protocol consistent with these guidelines;

2. Establish an assembly point for staff, before the start of work each day that complies with the recommended social distancing parameters;

3. Establish a daily screening protocol for arriving staff, to ensure that potentially infected staff do not enter the work site. If workers leave and re-enter the work site during the shift, re-screen individuals prior to re-entry into the work site;

4. Provide a daily tailgate session reviewing site protocols to mitigate potential spread of the virus. As information is changing continuously regarding COVID-19, these tailgates should occur daily and contractors should document attendance and require worker signatures;

5. Designate a Site Safety Rep (SSR) to monitor and implement all recommended safety practices regarding the COVID-19 virus with all contractor staff members. Labor supervisors must have the authority, through consultation with the SSR, to halt all activities that do not adhere to the COVID-19 safety practices. The SSR should have training commensurate with this hazard and all required industrial hygiene practices that may be required on the job site. This person will be responsible to maintain supplies of disinfectants and make sure that workers follow decontamination, hand washing, and distancing;

6. For work sites where multiple employers share the same work space, inform all employers about each Social Distancing Protocol and site-specific COVID-19 Construction Field Safety Requirements. Where one contractor enters the space of another contractor, the most stringent protocol or guideline will be followed. Stagger the trades as needed to reduce density and maintain social distancing and separation of at least 6 feet. Minimize interactions when picking up or delivering equipment or materials;

7. Regularly clean and sanitize trailers, toilets, and other enclosed spaces;

8. Social distancing must be maintained in elevators and lifts. Establish a regular cleaning and disinfection schedule for elevators and lifts. Identify other “choke points” or “high-risk areas” where persons may come into close contact, and take appropriate steps to maintain social distancing and hygiene;

9. Establish a cleaning and decontamination protocol prior to entry and exit of the job site. Establish a similar cleaning protocol within the job site area;

10. Establish cleaning and/or hand washing stations within the work areas. They should be of sufficient quantity to allow staff to remain within the work areas without exiting into break
areas. It is critical to adequately maintain these stations continuously;

11. Establish adequate time in the workday to allow for proper cleaning and decontamination including prior to leaving the job site for the day;

12. Ensure easy access to parking, since public transit may be limited;

13. Assign a second safety officer to the construction site to ensure protocols are being followed;

14. Ensure all persons utilize appropriate personal protective equipment, including facial coverings or masks, depending on the nature of the work; and

15. Establish a Code of Safety Practices that will at a minimum require staff/labor to follow the following practices during the course of their work:

   a. If you feel sick, or have been exposed to anyone who is sick with COVID-19, stay at home. You may be required to provide COVID-19 test result showing a negative result (not infected with COVID-19) before being allowed to return to work. This is critical to preventing spread of the virus.

   b. Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. Avoid touching your face with un-sanitized hands. Avoid touching common surfaces with bare hands.

   c. Constantly observe your work distances in relation to other staff. Maintain the recommended minimum 6 feet separation from one another at all times feasible. Do not shake hands or make other unnecessary direct contact with other staff.

   d. Do not carpool with other staff unless they are family members living within your household. Do not share phones. Use of microwaves, water coolers, and other similar group equipment for breaks is suspended until further notice.

   e. Clean and disinfect personal tools prior to use, as well as group tools.

   f. Disposable paper towels and similar waste must be deposited in non-touch waste bins.

   g. Do not cough or sneeze into your hand; rather, direct coughs and sneezes into a cloth or tissue or, if not available, the crook of your arm at your elbow; follow established CDC guidelines.

   h. Workers should change work clothes and shoes prior to arriving at home. All clothing should not be shook out. Launder work clothes separate from other laundry.
APPENDIX C-1 to Health Officer Order
RECREATIONAL SAFETY PROTOCOL COVID-19 PREVENTION
(GOLF)

Golf Site Requirements Use of golf courses and driving ranges authorized by this Order shall comply with the following requirements:
1. All employees will be trained on proper sanitation, as outlined by the CDC.
2. Staff will regularly sanitize all touch points.
3. All employees and customers will be required to follow Federal, State, and local guidelines for social distancing, e.g., by maintaining at least 6-foot distance from others.
4. Tee reservations must be limited to four players or less, to ensure social distancing requirements can be met at all times.
5. No shared equipment.
6. Walking or single rider only on carts (unless by family members currently sheltering in the same residence).
7. Carts to be cleaned and sanitized with soap, bleach or disinfectant after each use.
8. Mendocino County residents only.
9. No tournament style events.
10. No private lessons, group instruction or clinics.
11. No private club cleaning by personnel.
12. Check in for round must require no physical interaction with golf site staff, who must stay six feet or more from golfers.
13. Remove hand towels, ice chests with water, seed/sand bottles, on-course bunker rakes, community tees, and scorecards and pencils.
14. Public drinking fountains and ball washers are to be covered and closed.
15. Cups must be raised, inverted or otherwise altered so that the ball can easily be picked up without touching the cup.
16. Flag sticks must be removed or designed as no touch and left in at all times.
17. Driving Range Restrictions:
   a. Hitting stations will be a minimum of six feet apart.
   b. Balls will be thoroughly cleaned with soap, bleach or disinfectant after each pick of the range and before they are placed back on the range.
   c. All range staff attendants must wear gloves and must wear face coverings in compliance with current health officer orders.
   d. Golf clubs shall not be shared or rented.
   e. Range buckets must be disinfected after each golfer use.
18. Post, in areas visible to all workers, required hygienic practices including not touching face with unwashed hands or with gloves; washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machines, shared tools, and doorknobs; covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing as well as other hygienic recommendations by the CDC.
19. Golf courses and driving ranges shall designate a site-specific COVID-19 supervisor to enforce this guidance. The designated COVID-19 supervisor shall be present on site at all times during golfing activities. The COVID-19 supervisor can be an on-site worker who is designated to carry this role.