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**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 WITH DEFERENCE TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
“BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY” AND COVID-19 INDUSTRY GUIDANCES
WITH LIMITED ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS**

**DATE OF ORDER: APRIL 16, 2021
EFFECTIVE UNTIL RESCINDED**

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295, *et seq.*, Cal. Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1))

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 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.

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. Basis for this Order. This Order hereby supersedes the prior Shelter in Place Orders previously issued by the Mendocino County Health Officer on April 2, 2021 (“Prior Order”) and is effective immediately upon its issuance. The Prior Shelter Orders during this pandemic have been effective in ensuring Mendocino County’s hospitals had sufficient time to prepare for and maintain adequate hospital capacity to handle the anticipated initial surge of COVID-19 cases in our community. Our community, enterprises and institutions have demonstrated understanding and implementation of the activities needed for mitigation of disease transmission. This Order is needed to continue to mitigate increased COVID-19 transmission in our community.
2. Intent. The primary intent of this Order is to minimize the spread of COVID-19 within Mendocino County (“County”) by continuing Shelter in Place while balancing the social, emotional and economic needs of our residents through withdrawal of some requirements of earlier orders, clarification of others, and reference to applicable State Orders and Guidances in order to avoid duplication. While the terms of this order have been carefully structured to balance social, emotional and economic needs, the failure to comply with this Order constitutes and imminent threat to public health and constitutes a public nuisance. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.

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3. State Orders and Blueprint for a Safer Economy Framework. This Order is also issued in light of the August 28, 2020 Statewide Public Health Officer Order on California's Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe, ([https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH Document Library/COVID-19/8-28-20_Order-Plan-Reducing-COVID19-Adjusting-Permitted-Sectors-Signed.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/8-28-20_Order-Plan-Reducing-COVID19-Adjusting-Permitted-Sectors-Signed.pdf)) which also announces the framework according to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19CountyMonitoringOverview.aspx>). Additionally, this Order is issued in accordance with the Governor's March 19, 2020, Executive Order N-33-20, and May 4, 2020, Executive Order N-60-20, which direct continued compliance with the State Public Health Directives, including the State Shelter Order. Where a conflict exists between this Order and any state public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the most restrictive provision controls.
4. Exemptions. 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.
5. Essential Governmental Functions. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing "Essential Governmental Functions," as determined by the governmental entity performing those functions in the County. To the greatest extent possible, all Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Order, 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.
6. Gatherings; Permissible Gathering Rosters. The Health Officer defers to CDPH as to permissible public and private gatherings. All gatherings which are not covered by existing CDPH Private Gatherings Guidance or existing CDPH Sector Guidances are prohibited. Gatherings are defined as social situations that bring together people from different households, living units or Stable Groups, at the same time in a single space or place.
 - a. For CDPH guidance relating to private gatherings, see Updated Guidance for Gatherings (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-for-the-Prevention-of-COVID-19-Transmission-for-Gatherings-November-2020.aspx>).
 - b. For CDPH guidance relating to private events with a defined guest list, see Guidance for Private Events (<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-private-events--en.pdf>).
 - c. For CDPH guidance relating to fully vaccinated persons, see CDPH Guidance on COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People. (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-19-Public-Health-Recommendations-for-Fully-Vaccinated-People.aspx>).
 - d. For gatherings which are permitted by the State, (e.g., private gatherings, faith-based services and cultural ceremonies), private hosts and providers of such services and ceremonies must maintain a sign-in sheet for attendees for at least 14 days after each such event for the limited purpose of facilitating COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing. Sign-in sheets should include the name and contact information for attendees and should be shared with public health officials (only upon request) for the limited purpose of COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing connected to the event.
 - e. The Health Officer also urges permissible Stable Groups (see Section 7g. below) engaging in activities permitted by this Order, to identify a person responsible in the Stable Group for maintaining an updated list for at least 14 days after any Stable Group activity to facilitate COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing. This list should include the name, contact information and dates for each of the individuals who are together and should be shared

with public health officials (only upon request) for the limited purpose of COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing connected to the Stable Group activity.

7. Individuals and Activities. All individuals living in Mendocino County are currently ordered to stay home at their place of residence except for permitted work, local shopping, or other permitted errands or activities which are identified in this Order and as set forth by the State Public Health Officer and State Shelter Order, including the State Stay Home Q&A. (<https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>) When people need to leave their place of residence for the purposes allowed by this Order, they must strictly comply with Social Distancing Requirements (identified in section 7h. below), and use Facial Coverings as required by State and Local Orders.
- a. Health and Safety. Individuals may leave their residence to engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, to the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), or to the health and safety of others, such as obtaining medical supplies or medication, or visiting a health care professional, obtaining supplies they need for school or to work from home, or to care for their property. This includes the purchase and provision of nourishments and any other household consumer products to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
 - b. Services and Activities Open By State Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Individuals may leave their residence to seek services from industries allowed to reopen or to engage in activities allowed to reopen, pursuant to the Tier assigned to Mendocino County in the State Blueprint for a Safer Economy (<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>).
 - c. Essential Critical Workforce. Individuals may leave their residence to perform work providing products and services at Businesses authorized to open by the State Blueprint for a Safer Economy pursuant to the Tier assigned to Mendocino County (<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>), and designated by the State Public Health Officer as Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, (<https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>), or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.
 - d. Volunteer Work. Individuals may leave their residence to perform volunteer activities or services in Work Groups (including staff), and at which members of different households, living units, or Stable Groups maintain social distancing from each other, for all businesses or activities allowed under this Order.
 - e. Healthcare Operations. 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 for pets, livestock, and other animals. This exemption shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. "Healthcare Operations".
 - f. Outdoor Recreation. Individuals may leave their residence to engage in outdoor recreation activity in compliance with the Social Distancing Requirements in this Order, in compliance with the Health Officer's Orders pertaining to Facial Coverings specific to recreational activities (e.g., wearing during certain activities which cause people to more forcefully expel airborne particles, such as running, bicycling and singing, making the usual minimum six feet social distancing requirement, less adequate), and following the State COVID-19 Industry Guidance on Campgrounds, RV Parks, and Outdoor Recreation (<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-campgrounds-outdoor-recreation--en.pdf>). Additionally people in a household or living unit, or Stable Group may also 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.

- g. Stable Groups. Individuals may engage in activities permitted by this Order within Stable Groups (Household Support Group/ Childcare Group/ Children's Extracurricular Group) as described herein. Stable Groups 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.).
- i. Each type of Stable Group is counted separately. By way of example, a child may be part of a Household Support Group, a Children's Extracurricular Activity Group and a Childcare Group, but may not participate in two different Childcare Groups.
 - ii. "Household Support Group" means a Stable Group of 12 individuals, over a four week period, 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 Group, and every resident of a single dwelling unit must be part of the same Household Support Group, 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 Group of each of their custodians.
 - iii. When the County is in the Widespread (Purple) Tier, "Childcare Group" means a Stable Group of 14 children or youth with up to 2 supervising adults, over a four week period, who are together for the purposes of childcare. Each person (adult or child) may only be part of a single Childcare Group, but children in the same household may be part of separate, age-appropriate Childcare Group. This stable group of up to 14 children or youth and two adults, must stay together for all activities over a four (4) week period and avoid contact with people outside of their group in the setting.
 - iv. When the County is in the Widespread (Purple) Tier, "Children's Extracurricular Activity Group" means a Stable Group of 14 children or youth and no more than 2 supervising adults who are together for purposes of organized recreation. This stable group of up to 14 children or youth and 2 adults, must stay together for all activities over a four (4) week period and avoid contact with people outside of their group in the setting. Any extracurricular activities that involve youth sports must follow the CDPH Guidance for Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports, which requirements include, in part, facial coverings and physical distancing of at least six feet between all youth and stable cohorts, <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/outdoor-indoor-recreational-sports.aspx>. Each person (adult or child) may only be part of a single Extracurricular Activity Group, but children in the same household may be part of separate, age-appropriate Extracurricular Activity Groups.
 - v. Childcare Groups and Children's Extracurricular Activity Groups must also follow the State Guidance for Small Cohorts/Groups of Children and Youth (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/small-groups-child-youth.aspx>) and related FAQs (<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools-cohort-FAQ.pdf>) if the County is in Widespread (Purple) Tier, unless sector-specific guidance and directives for the particular setting authorize larger group sizes while in the Widespread (Purple) Tier. As explained in the Small Cohort guidance, guidance and directives related to schools, childcare, day camps, youth sports, and institutions of higher education are not superseded by the guidance for cohorts of children and youth and still apply to those specified settings.
- h. Social Distancing Requirements.
- 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 for Essential Workforce as defined by the State at

- (<https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/>), Essential Governmental Functions, or for Minimum Basic Operations; or as otherwise expressly provided in this Order.
- ii. For purposes of this Order, "Social Distancing Requirements" means all of the following:
 - (1) Avoiding all social interactions outside the household when sick with a fever, cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms.
 - (2) Wearing a facial covering when out in public to the extent required by the separate Health Officer Orders regarding Facial Coverings (<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=36531>);
 - (1) Personal care service businesses are required to take additional measures to protect the worker from exposure when working on a customer's head, face, or mouth. In addition to a facial covering, these measures may include installing plexiglass or other physical barrier, or the wearing of face shields by the worker, i.e., a piece of rigid, clear plastic attached to a headband which covers the entire face extending from the forehead to below the chin.
 - (3) Maintaining at least six feet of social distancing from other individuals who are not in the same household, living unit or Stable Group;
 - (4) Frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty (20) 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;
 - (5) Covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands);
 - (6) Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces;
 - (7) Not shaking hands;
 - i. Travel. Individuals may leave their residence to travel for urgent matters and to perform work and activities allowed by this Order. Individuals must also follow the State CDPH Travel Advisory with regard to non-essential travel and quarantine upon arrival or return to the County from outside of California. (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Travel-Advisory.aspx>) All permissible travel within the County must comply with the Social Distancing Requirements above. Additionally, all Transit agencies and people riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements 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.
8. Businesses. A business activity is allowed to open and operate in the County if the activity is in a sector that is open in the Tier of the State Blueprint for a Safer Economy (<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>) which applies to the County and the business activity conforms to the applicable State COVID-19 Industry Guidances (See <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>). Only business activities which are in a sector that is closed in the applicable Tier of the State Blueprint for a Safer Economy, are prohibited. A business engaged in any such activities which are not yet allowed under the Blueprint must discontinue in the County until the sector is allowed by the applicable Tier. By re-opening, businesses may potentially be required to publicly disclose the existence of a COVID-19 outbreak as necessary to protect public health and participate in case investigation contact tracing. All businesses are responsible for regularly reviewing the State website to determine any changes or restrictions that may be issued by the State for their industry.
- a. Definition of Business. 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.
 - b. Site Specific Protection Plan. Per the Governor's Blueprint for a Safer Economy (<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>) and Statewide Industry Guidances (<https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>), before reopening and on a monthly basis 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; (5) implement physical distancing guidelines and (6) establish universal face covering requirements (with allowed exceptions). 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/industry-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 8d. and attached Appendix A-1, at each of their facilities at which they are maintaining operations. All businesses must also post (prominently at entrance) additional County signage regarding required social distancing and use of facial coverings (in both English and Spanish), attached as Appendix A-2.

- c. Self-Certification of Businesses. Additionally, prior to re-opening all businesses must complete the self-certification form including any required attached Safe Business Reopening Plan which must include the details outlined in the applicable State of California COVID-19 Industry Guidances and any additional information as outlined for that industry in this Order. The self-certification form with required attachments must also be filed with the County, either through the website located at: <https://www.mendocinocountybusiness.org>, or by mailing a completed certification form (with any required attachments) to: County of Mendocino Environmental Health, 860 N. Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482. Healthcare facilities license by the California Department of Public Health and Schools/ School-based programs are exempt from this self-certification requirement. To the greatest extent feasible, all businesses allowed to operate under this Order shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 7h. 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.
- d. Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol. 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 statewide (<https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance>) and according to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy (<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>); and prepare (or continue to maintain) and post a "Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol" for each of their facilities in the County. The Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol must be substantially in the form attached to this Order as Appendix A-1, and it must be periodically updated to reflect new industry-specific guidance. 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. Requiring facial coverings to be worn by all persons entering and circulating within the facility other than those exempted from facial coverings requirements (e.g., children 2 and under and those for whom it is not advised for health-related reasons, etc.), consistent with HO July 2, 2020 Order on Facial Coverings and Statewide order dated November 16, 2020 (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>);
 - ii. Where lines may form at a facility, marking six-foot increments at a minimum,

- establishing where individuals should stand to maintain adequate social distancing;
 - iii. Providing hand sanitizer, soap and water, or effective disinfectant at or near the entrance of the facility and in other appropriate areas for use by the public and personnel, and in locations where there is high- frequency employee interaction with members of the public (e.g., cashiers);
 - iv. Providing for contactless payment systems or, if not feasible to do so, the providing for disinfecting all payment portals, pens, and styluses after each use;
 - v. Regularly disinfecting other high-touch surfaces;
 - vi. Posting a sign at the entrance of the facility informing all 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
 - vii. Any additional social distancing measures being implemented (see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>).
 - viii. All 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 all businesses encourage people to shop in the smallest groups possible.
- e. Minimum Basic Operations. For purposes of this Order, "Minimum Basic Operations" include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 7h., 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.
 - 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:
 - (1) Events at a single venue must involve not more than 6 individuals, i.e., a Work Group (as defined in Section 8f. below) for reoccurring events or present for the live event. All others must participate remotely, such as in separate vehicles or from their residence;
 - (2) 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 Stable Group), 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;
 - (3) 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.

- f. Work Groups. For the Purposes of this Order, "Work Group" means a Stable Group of 6 individuals over a four week period 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 Stable Group. Businesses are strongly encouraged to create 2 or more separate, non-overlapping Work Groups, such that, in the event one group contracts COVID-19, the other will be protected.
 - g. No Changing Rooms. 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.
 - h. No Self-Service of Food by Shared Utensils. For purposes of this Order, any 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.
 - i. Caretaker/Managers for Transient Lodging and Campgrounds. All operators of Transient Lodging (defined as the provision of lodging services for a period of thirty (30) calendar days or less) and Campgrounds must have an individual caretaker/manager available on-call 24 hours per day (and to be onsite within one hour) to monitor and adhere to COVID-19 Industry Guidance and for COVID-19 related issues. The transient lodging establishment and campground must have an employee or contractor (by specific agreement) designated for this purpose. Such name and contact number of the responsible caretaker/manager shall be posted on site and made available upon request to public health authorities.
9. Protection of People at High Risk of COVID-19. 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 activity, 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 include people who:
- a. Are aged 65 years and older.
 - b. Live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.
 - c. Have other high-risk conditions such as:
 - i. chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma.
 - ii. serious heart conditions, poorly controlled Diabetes, renal failure, Liver disease.
 - iii. the "immunocompromised" including cancer treatment, immune deficiencies, organ transplant, HIV/AIDS, prolonged use of Corticosteroids or other immune suppressing medications.
 - iv. the severely obese (body mass index [BMI] >40)
 - d. For purposes of this Order, an employer shall not knowingly allow an employee to work sick in violation of this section.
10. Recreational Sites. 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) the owner, operator and/or agency responsible for the recreation site has chosen to allow the recreation site to be open, and (2) 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. A Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocol for a recreation site shall include:
- a. A method to avoid crowding or the use of the recreation site by any number of people too large to allow for social distancing;

- b. 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;
 - c. 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. wear facial coverings at all times;
 - iii. maintain a minimum six-foot distance from persons who are not part of the same household or living unit;
 - iv. sneeze and cough into one's elbow;
 - v. not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact;
 - vi. not use any facilities or equipment that are closed; and
 - vii. not engage in sports or other activities that use shared equipment.
 - d. Swimming Pools. All outdoor swimming pools in the County are allowed to open with strict adherence to the "Additional Considerations for Swimming Pools/Aquatic Venues" referenced in the Industry Guidance: Fitness Facilities (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-fitness.pdf>) and as to Outdoor Recreation (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-campgrounds.pdf>). Physical distancing should be practiced at all times and facial coverings should be worn when out of the water. Indoor swimming pools are closed while the County is in the Widespread (purple) or Substantial (red) tiers.
11. Homeless Services. 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>).
12. Enforcement. 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.
13. Effective Date and Time. This Order is effective upon release, and may be rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
14. Copies and Contact Information. 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.
15. Severability. 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: April 16, 2021

Issued by: 
Howard A. Cohen, M.D., Health Officer

APPENDIX A-1 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-serving any items that are food-related.

☐ Lids for cups and food-bar type items are provided by staff; not to customers to grab.

☐ Bulk-item food bins are not available for customer self-service use.

☐ Not permitting customers to bring their own bags, mugs, or other reusable items from home that must be handled by employees. Customers bringing their own reusable items that do not require handling by employees is permissible.

☐ Providing for contactless payment systems or, if not feasible, sanitizing payment systems regularly.

Describe:

☐ Optional—Describe other measures (e.g. providing senior-only hours):

Measures To Increase Sanitization (check all that apply to the facility):

☐ 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 A-2

Signs can be downloaded at:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/business/business-resource-for-covid-19>



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