

**County of Tulare
Health & Human Services Agency
Public Health Branch**



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EMERGENCY ORDER FOR THE PREVENTION OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) TRANSMISSION

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of Emergency now exists in the State of California due to the presence of and threat posed by the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the County Health Officer of the County of Tulare proclaimed and declared that a local health emergency now exists in the County of Tulare due to the presence of and threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors ratified said proclamation at its regular meeting of March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, said proclamation shall remain in effect until further notice; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-33-20, ordering that all Californians shelter in place to preserve public health and safety (“Shelter in Place Order”); and

WHEREAS, the Shelter in Place Order has been successful in slowing the transmission and infection rate of COVID-19 in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the County Health Officer of the County of Tulare issued an EMERGENCY ORDER FOR THE PREVENTION OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) TRANSMISSION IN OR ABOUT RESTAURANTS, BARS, FOOD TRUCKS, GROCERY STORES, AND OTHER RETAIL FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE VENUES, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATIONAL VENUES, GYMS, HEALTH CLUBS, THEATERS, CHURCHES, OTHER SOCIAL GATHERINGS, AND OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, which order was extended on April 8, 2020, and amended on May 5, 2020 (the “Amended Emergency Order”); and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, the State of California presented the Pandemic Roadmap, a four-stage plan for modifying the Shelter in Place Order, and defining the statewide current status under the plan as being at Stage 1; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, the State announced that entry into Stage 2 of the plan would begin on May 8, 2020 for all Counties, subject to certain conditions and certain guidance; and

WHEREAS, advancement within the Pandemic Roadmap by an individual County can be accomplished by meeting certain State-defined criteria and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Pandemic Roadmap is designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in California while allowing parts of our state to safely reopen; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable that the State criteria, procedures, and guidance for the stages of the Pandemic

Roadmap become mandatory in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of County of Tulare.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Tulare County Ordinance Code sections 1-15-1033 (b) and 1-15-1040 (b), and California Health and Safety Code sections 101040, 101085, and 120175, the Health Officer of the County of Tulare hereby orders as follows, which shall be effective immediately and remain in effect until such a time that it is terminated or modified by the County Public Health Officer in writing:

1. **The Amended Emergency Order** is hereby terminated. Any previous Public Health Orders, other than the Emergency Declaration dated March 11, 2020, not previously terminated by the Amended Emergency Order are hereby terminated.
2. **The Shelter in Place Order**, the emergency orders of the State Public Health Director related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the State's Pandemic Roadmap and guidance issued with respect to the roadmap, as may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time-to-time by their makers, are hereby adopted as emergency orders of the County Health Officer of the County of Tulare and enforceable as such.
3. **Only** the activities and businesses authorized by the County's current stage of the Pandemic Roadmap shall be allowed. The County's current stage of the Pandemic Roadmap can be found at <https://covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov/>.
4. **Bars, wineries, breweries and pubs** shall follow the State's guidelines and shall be closed until allowed under the County's current stage of the Pandemic Roadmap.
5. **Restaurants** shall follow the State's guidelines and shall be open only to drive-through or other pickup/delivery options and shall not open their in-restaurant seated dining nor allow consumption of food or beverages on-premises until allowed under the County's current stage of the Pandemic Roadmap.
6. **Food Trucks** shall follow the State's guidelines and shall not allow consumption of food or beverages on or about the premises until allowed under the County's current stage of the Pandemic Roadmap.
7. **Certified Farmers' Markets** shall follow the State's guidelines and shall space booths accordingly to increase social distancing and shall eliminate non-essential/non-related services, such as bands or other entertainment until allowed under the County's current stage of the Pandemic Roadmap.
8. **Gambling venues** shall follow the State's guidelines and shall be closed until allowed under the County's current stage of the Pandemic Roadmap.
9. **Entertainment and recreational venues**, including, but not limited to, theme parks, amusement parks, attractions, theaters, museums, roller rinks, skate parks, sports stadiums, bowling alleys, and the like, shall follow the State's guidelines and shall be closed until allowed under the County's current stage of the Pandemic Roadmap.
10. **Gyms and health clubs** shall follow the State's guidelines and shall be closed until allowed under the County's current stage of the Pandemic Roadmap.
11. **All social gatherings**, including, but not limited to church services, meetings of service and social

clubs, conferences, conventions, and the like, shall be postponed or cancelled until allowed under the County's current stage of the Pandemic Roadmap.

12. **Outdoor recreational activities** shall be permissible as long as it is feasible to maintain a safe physical distance of six feet and gather only with members of the same household at all times during said activity(ies). Individual outdoor recreational activities are permissible as long as it is feasible to maintain a safe physical distance of six feet at all times during said activity. Any outdoor group sports or activities shall be postponed or cancelled unless the sport or activity can be done individually or with members of the same household only. There should be no shared equipment between persons who are not members of the same household. Visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#top>, Outdoor Recreation section for a list of requirements, specifically allowed activities, and further guidance from the state of California. These social distancing requirements shall remain in place as they relate to Outdoor Recreation Activities until abolished under the County's current stage of the Pandemic Roadmap.
13. For those businesses closed under this Order, business owners, managers, and supervisory staff are allowed to be on site to conduct minimum basic operations, provided that they each observe the social distancing and best personal hygiene practices (including washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds) outlined above.
14. No County permits for special events shall be granted, all County permits for special events previously issued are revoked or postponed, and no temporary ABC licenses shall be authorized by the County until social gatherings are permitted under the County's current stage of the Pandemic Roadmap.
15. For personal and public health and safety purposes, all residents of and visitors to Tulare County are strongly urged to practice social distancing of six feet per person when able to do so, wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, wear face coverings, such as scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandanas, neck gaiters, or other fabric face coverings, at all times while inside of or waiting to enter any business or facility, while riding or waiting to ride any public or shared transportation, and at any other time when it is impossible to maintain a distance of six-feet between persons who are not members of a shared household and follow all other guidance from public health officials with regard to the threat posed by COVID-19.
16. Each incorporated city within Tulare County is urged and requested to take such actions, if any, as may be reasonably necessary to permit this Order to be fully enforced within its respective jurisdiction.
17. The Public Health Branch of the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, the Tulare County District Attorney's office, the Tulare County Counsel's office, and all other applicable County of Tulare Agencies, Departments, and Divisions are requested and directed to enforce this Order within their respective jurisdictions.
18. Pursuant to California Government Code section 26602, the Sheriff of Tulare County is requested to enforce this Order within the Sheriff's jurisdiction to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
19. Pursuant to California Government Code section 41601, the chiefs of the police departments of the

Cities of Visalia, Tulare, Porterville, Dinuba, Exeter, Lindsay, Woodlake, and Farmersville are requested to enforce this Order within their respective jurisdictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

20. The Order shall be subject to amendment or repeal at any time and shall not be deemed to confer any contractual obligations, property rights, or assume any County or other public agency liability.
21. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then 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.
22. This Order shall be immediately translated into Spanish, and accommodations made for disabled persons to read its contents; it shall also be distributed to all local media and made prominently available at <https://covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov/>.
23. Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 101029 and 120280, and Tulare County Ordinance Code sections 1-15-1040(b) and 125, violations of this Order shall be punishable as a misdemeanor upon conviction by a fine of not exceeding one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for a term of not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
24. Pursuant to Tulare County Ordinance Code sections 4-01-1070 and 4-01-1315, violations of this Order may be considered a public nuisance.
25. Pursuant to Tulare County Ordinance Code sections 1-23-1000 and 1-23-1015 violations of this Order shall be subject to an administrative fine or penalty.
26. All open businesses, facilities, retail food, venues shall ensure social distancing of six feet per person between those who are not members of the same household, limit the number of customers at any given time as necessary to reduce outdoor/indoor crowding and lines to meet social distancing guidance, increase cleaning and sanitizing frequency of all contact areas, encourage use of online ordering with curbside pickup or delivery options in lieu of indoor shopping, remind employees of best hygiene practices including washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and wearing appropriate face covering when necessary.
27. Current guidance related to the Pandemic Roadmap is located at <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>.
28. Tulare County's Current Stage and information related to allowable businesses and activities is located at <https://covid19.tularecounty.ca.gov/>.
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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Time: 7:35am
Date: May 8, 2020

Issued by: 

Karen Haught, MD
County Health Officer
County of Tulare
Health & Human Services Agency
Public Health Branch

Approved as to Form:
COUNTY COUNSEL

By 
Deputy County Counsel

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