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Statewide Public Health Officer Order, July 13, 2020

On March 19, 2020, I issued an order directing all individuals living in the State of California to stay at home except as needed to facilitate authorized, necessary activities or to maintain the continuity of operations of critical infrastructure sectors. I then set out California's path forward from this "Stay-at-Home" Order in California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap. On May 7th, I announced that statewide data supported the gradual movement of the entire state into Stage 2 of the Pandemic Resilience Roadmap. On May 8th, the Governor outlined a process where counties that met specific criteria could move more quickly than other parts of the state through Stage 2 of modifying the Stay-at-Home order, including certain businesses deemed higher risk.

The statewide data has since demonstrated a significant increase in the spread of COVID-19, resulting in public health conditions that demand measures responsive to those conditions be put into place with haste. On June 28, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued guidance setting forth the need to close bars and similar establishments in counties that – due to concerning levels of disease transmission, hospitalizations, or insufficient testing – had been on the County Monitoring List, which includes counties that show concerning levels of disease transmission, hospitalizations, insufficient testing, or other critical epidemiological markers, for 14 days. On July 1, 2020, CDPH issued guidance specific to counties on the County Monitoring List for three consecutive days, requiring closure of the indoor operations of various sectors, including restaurants, wineries, and certain entertainment venues, as well as all bars indoor and outdoor. Based on my judgment as the State Public Health Officer, it is now necessary to take these steps statewide, to take additional steps for counties on the County Monitoring List, and to continue to monitor and modify the process of reopening.

The current data reflect that community spread of infection is of increasing concern across the state. On July 1, 2020, there were 19 counties on the County Monitoring List. As of July 13, 2020, there are 32 counties on the list, and additional counties may soon be added as data warrants. In addition to the impact on the general population, community spread increases the likelihood of expanded transmission of COVID-19 in congregate settings such as nursing homes, homeless shelters, jails and prisons. Infection of these vulnerable populations in these settings can be catastrophic. Higher

levels of community spread also increase the likelihood of infection among individuals at high risk of serious outcomes from COVID-19, including the elderly and those with underlying health conditions who might live or otherwise interact with an infected individual.

The Pandemic Resilience Roadmap classifies bars, pubs, breweries, brewpubs, dine-in restaurants, wineries and tasting rooms, family entertainment centers, zoos, museums, and cardrooms as Stage 2 or Stage 3 sectors with high risk of transmission due to a number of features of the businesses and the behaviors that occur within them. Public health studies have shown that the risk of transmission is exacerbated in indoor spaces, particularly when lacking appropriate ventilation. These sectors are settings where groups convene and may mix with others for a prolonged period of time, increasing the risk of escalating the transmission rate of COVID-19. While physical distancing is critical to mitigating exposure, it is more effective at protecting an individual with brief exposures or outdoor exposures. In contrast to indoor spaces, wind and the viral dilution in outdoor spaces can help reduce viral load.

Bars, both indoor and outdoor, have additional risk factors. A bar, foundationally, is a social setting where typically not only small groups convene, but also where groups mix with other groups. Bars also have an added risk imposed by the consumption of alcohol as a primary activity offered in such venues. Alcohol consumption slows brain activity, reduces inhibition, and impairs judgment, factors which contribute to reduced compliance with recommended core personal protective measures, such as the mandatory use of face coverings and maintaining six feet of distance from people in different households, both indoors and outdoors. Louder environments and the cacophony of conversation that are typical in bar settings also require raised voices and greater projection of orally emitted viral droplets.

For counties on the County Monitoring List, the risks and impacts of disease transmission are even greater. The science suggests that for indoor operations the odds of an infected person transmitting the virus are dramatically higher compared to an open-air environment. Thus, for those counties on the list, it is necessary to close indoor operations for additional sectors which promote the closed-space mixing of populations beyond households and/or make adherence to physical distancing with face coverings difficult, including: gyms and fitness centers, places of worship, protests, offices for non-Critical Infrastructure sectors as designated on covid19.ca.gov, personal care services (including nail salons, massage parlors, and tattoo parlors), hair salons and barbershops, and malls.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, as State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health, order all of the following:

Statewide Order Relative to Bars, Pubs, Brewpubs, and Breweries

1. Bars, pubs, brewpubs, and breweries, whether operating indoors or outdoors, shall be closed across the state, unless an exception below applies.

    a. Bars, pubs, brewpubs, and breweries, may operate outdoors if they are offering sit-down, outdoor, dine-in meals. Alcohol can be sold only in the same transaction as a meal. When operating outdoors, they must follow the dine-in restaurant guidance and should continue to encourage takeout and delivery service whenever possible.
    b. Bars, pubs, brewpubs, and breweries that do not provide sit-down meals themselves, but can contract with another vendor to do so, can serve dine-in meals when operating outdoors provided both businesses follow the dine-in restaurant guidance and alcohol is sold only in the same transaction as a meal.
    c. Venues that are currently authorized to provide off sale beer, wine, and spirits to be consumed off premises and do not offer sit-down, dine-in meals must follow the guidance for retail operations and offer curbside sales only.
    d. Concert, performance, or entertainment venues must 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.

2. Indoor operations shall be restricted across the state as specified below:

    a. Dine-in restaurants must close indoor seating to customers. During this closure all dine-in restaurants may continue to utilize outdoor seating and must comply with the guidance for outdoor dining. Restaurants should continue to encourage takeout and delivery service whenever possible.
    b. Wineries and tasting rooms must close indoor services to customers. During this closure all wineries and tasting rooms operating outdoors must comply with the guidance for restaurants, wineries, and bars.
    c. Family entertainment centers and movie theaters must close indoor services and attractions to customers.
        1. Family entertainment centers may continue to provide outdoor services and attractions to customers, and must comply with the guidance for movie theaters and family entertainment centers.

2. Drive-in movie theaters may continue to operate and should follow additional applicable guidance for drive-in movie theaters.

d. Indoor attractions at zoos and museums must close to visitors.
    1. Zoos and museums may continue to operate outdoor attractions and must follow the guidance for zoos and museums.

e. Cardrooms must close indoor services to customers and must follow the guidance for cardrooms.

Order for Closure of Additional Indoor Sectors for Counties on Monitoring List

3. Counties that currently appear on CDPH's County Monitoring List and have been on the list for three consecutive days, and counties that subsequently appear for three consecutive days or more while this order remains effective, must close all indoor operations of the following types of businesses/events/activities:

a. Gyms and Fitness Centers
b. Places of Worship
c. Protests
d. Offices for Non-Critical Infrastructure Sectors
e. Personal Care Services (including nail salons, massage parlors, and tattoo parlors)
f. Hair salons and barbershops
g. Malls

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4. This order shall go into effect immediately.

5. These closures shall remain in effect until I determine it is appropriate to modify the order based on public health conditions.

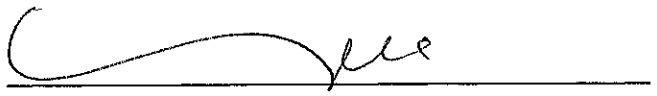
6. Outdoor operations may be conducted under a tent, canopy, or other sun shelter but only as long as no more than one side is closed, allowing sufficient outdoor air movement.

7. I will continue to monitor the epidemiological data and will modify the sectors that may be open both statewide and in counties on the Monitoring List as required by the evolving public health conditions. If I determine that it is appropriate to reopen, close, or modify the operations of any additional sectors, those sectors will be posted at: https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/.

8. My guidance mandating the wearing of face coverings and my guidance prohibiting gatherings continue to apply statewide, except as specifically permitted in other orders or guidance documents. To prevent further spread of COVID-19 to and within other

jurisdictions within the State, Californians should not travel significant distances and should stay close to home.

9. This order is issued pursuant to the authority under EO N-60-20, and Health and Safety Code sections 120125, 120130(c), 120135, 120140, 120145, 120150, 120175,120195 and 131080.



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