



SISKIYOU COUNTY
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Order of the Siskiyou County Public Health Officer

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 101040, 120175, and 120175.5(b) the Siskiyou County Public Health Officer (Health Officer) **ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Effective 12:00 a.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, the following will be in effect for Siskiyou County (County):

All public or private “large gatherings,” as defined in section 11 below, are prohibited.

2. Effective 12:00 a.m. on March 16, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2020, the following will be in effect for Siskiyou County (County):

“Non-essential personnel,” as defined in section 11 below, are prohibited from entry into any hospital or long term care facility serving seniors. All essential personnel who show any potential signs of symptoms of COVID-19 shall be strictly prohibited from entry to hospitals or long term care facilities.

3. This Order is issued as a result of the World Health Organization’s declaration of a worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 disease, also known as “novel coronavirus,” which has infected at least 120,000 individuals worldwide in 115 countries and is implicated in over 4,000 worldwide deaths.
4. This Order is based on the increasing transmission of COVID-19 in California and significant risk of widespread introduction and transmission of COVID-19 into the County.
5. This Order is based upon scientific evidence regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect vulnerable members of the public from avoidable risk of serious illness or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19. 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. Although most individuals who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, persons with mild symptoms and asymptomatic persons with COVID-19 may place other vulnerable members of the public—such as older adults, and those with underlying health conditions— at significant risk.

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6. This Order will reduce the likelihood that many individuals will be exposed to COVID-19 at a single event, and will thereby slow the spread of COVID-19 in the County. By reducing the spread of COVID-19, this Order will help preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the County.
7. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference: 1) the Proclamation of a Local Public Health Emergency by the Siskiyou County Public Health Officer, issued by the County Public Health Officer on March 12, 2020; 2) the Proclamation of Local Emergency, issued by the Siskiyou County Director of the Office of Emergency Services on March 12, 2020; 3) the action of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors to ratify and continue both the local public health emergency and local emergency on March 17, 2020; 4) the Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2020; 5) Executive Order N-25_20 issued by the Governor of the State of California on March 12, 2020, which orders that "All residents are to heed any orders and guidance of state and local health officials, including but not limited to the imposition of social distancing measures, to control COVID-19; 6) Proclamation 9984 regarding COVID-19 issued by the President of the United States on March 11, 2020; and 7) the Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak issued by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020.
8. This Order is issued to prevent circumstances often present in large gatherings that may exacerbate the spread of COVID-19, such as: 1) the increased likelihood that large gatherings will attract people from a broad geographic area; 2) the prolonged time period in which large numbers of people are in close proximity; 3) the difficulty in tracing exposure when large numbers of people attend a single event; and 4) the inability to ensure that attendees follow adequate hygienic practices.
9. This Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the County Public Health Officer, the California Department of Public Health, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other public health official throughout the United States and around the world. On March 11, 2020, the California Department of Public Health recommended the cancellation or postponement of large gatherings of 250 people or more.
10. This Order comes after the CDC issued: "Interim Additional Guidance for Infection Prevention and Control of Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 in Nursing Homes."
11. For the purposes of this Order:
 - a. "Gathering" is any event or convening that brings together people in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, theater, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, or any other indoor or outdoor space.
 - b. "Large Gathering" is a gathering with 50 or more people.
 - c. "Long term care facility" is a facility serving adults that require assistance with activities of daily living and that is licensed by the California Department of Community Care and Licensing.
 - d. "Non-essential personnel" are employees, contractors, or members of the public who do not perform treatment, maintenance, support, or administrative tasks deemed essential to the healthcare mission of the long term care facility or hospital. Non-essential personnel does not include first responders, nor State, federal, or local officials, investigators, or medical personnel carrying out lawful duties.

e. This Order does not prohibit:

- i. Normal operations at airports, shopping malls, or other spaces where 50 or more persons may be in transit. It also does not include typical office environments, retail stores, or grocery stores where large numbers of people are present but are able to practice social distancing of six (6) feet from one another.
- ii. Gatherings of people in multiple, separate enclosed spaces in a single building such as a multiplex movie theater or school, so long as 50 or more people are not present in any single confined space at the same time.
- iii. Any gatherings of 50 or more people where all persons have the ability to keep a social distance of six (6) feet from one another.
- iv. Emergency shelters, homeless shelters, or other similar essential gatherings that are for the protection of public health and safety and where appropriate precautions are taken that follow federal, State, and local health guidance regarding COVID-19.
- v. Entry of visitors at the long term care facilities on a case by case basis, and upon the approval of the facility's director, or designee, for extraordinary circumstances such as to allow family and friends to visit a resident in an end of life situation, and where appropriate precautions by the facility that follow federal, State, and local health guidance regarding COVID-19 are followed.
- vi. Entry of visitors, such as close family members at a hospital, and under the direction of the hospital administrator, or designee, so long as the hospital follows federal, State, and local health guidance regarding COVID-19.

f. Gatherings of less than 50 people are strongly encouraged to keep a social distance of six (6) feet from one another in conformance with California Department of Public Health guidelines.

12. Schools, colleges, and care facilities serving seniors and children are strongly encouraged to follow the guidance of the California Department of Public Health, as may be amended, and available at: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>

13. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 120175.5(b) all government entities in the County shall take necessary measure within the governmental entity's control to ensure compliance with this Order and to disseminate this Order to venues or locations within the entity's jurisdiction where a large gathering may occur.

14. Violation of this Order is subject to fine, imprisonment, or both. (Health and Safety Code section 120295.)

15. To the extent necessary, this Order may be enforced by the Siskiyou County Sheriff or chiefs of police pursuant to California Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated: March _____, 2020
Time: _____

Signature on File
Stephen Kolpacoff, M.D., Public Health Officer
County of Siskiyou

Pursuant to California Government Code section 8634, this Order shall be promulgated as a regulation for the protection of life and property.

**COUNTY OF SISKIYOU
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Siskiyou County Code Section 3-2.06(a)(1) authorizes the Siskiyou County Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a "Local Emergency" when the Board of Supervisors is not in session when the County of Siskiyou is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds:

1. That at the time of this proclamation the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and,
2. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Siskiyou due to the following:
 - i. A novel coronavirus (named "2019-nCoV") was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat, based on current information. In part, the virus is considered a serious public health threat because much is unknown. The exact modes of transmission, the factors facilitating human-to-human transmission, the extent of asymptomatic viral shedding, the groups most at risk of serious illness, the attack rate, and the case fatality rate all remain active areas of investigation. The CDC believes at this time that symptoms appear two to fourteen days after exposure. Currently, there is no vaccine or specific antiviral treatment for 2019-nCoV.
 - ii. The number of reported cases of 2019-nCoV and number of reported deaths from 2019-nCoV has escalated dramatically over a short period of time. To date, there are more than one hundred twenty-thousand (120,000) confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV and over four thousand (4,000) deaths from 2019-nCoV worldwide. Cases of 2019-nCoV, though concentrated in China, have been reported in more than one hundred and fourteen (114) countries, and include individuals who never visited China. Transmission from an asymptomatic individual has been documented. Community transmission of 2019-nCoV has been documented in patients in the United States with no known history of travel to a location with confirmed 2019-nCoV cases, and no known contact with a person with a confirmed 2019-nCoV case. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the outbreak to be a global health pandemic. The United States Health and Human Services Agency has declared a public health emergency for the United States. California Governor Gavin Newsom has declared a state of emergency for California. More than thirty-eight (38) states have reported cases of 2019-nCoV throughout the United States. Thirteen (13) states in the United States have declared states of emergencies.
 - iii. To date, the number of reported cases of 2019-nCoV in the United States is over one thousand and eighty (1080), and thirty-one (31) reported deaths. The number of reported cases of 2019-nCoV in California, to date, is one hundred and fifty-seven (157), including cases in neighboring Shasta County and Humboldt County. As of March 11, 2020, there have been three (3) confirmed deaths in California due to 2019-nCoV. Deaths have also been reported in Washington State, Florida, New Jersey and South Dakota. The State of Washington reports two hundred and seventy-three (273) confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV and New York State reports one hundred and seventy-six (176) cases to date. The State of Oregon has reported confirmed cases of 2019-

nCOV in numerous counties including neighboring Jackson County and Klamath County. The Siskiyou County Public Health Officer has determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of 2019-nCOV to Siskiyou County, and has declared a Local Public Health Emergency as a result.

- iv. These conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Siskiyou County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to prepare for and combat. These conditions represent an imminent and proximate threat to public health in Siskiyou County from the introduction of 2019-nCOV in California

WHEREAS, the potential of the aforementioned conditions of disaster and extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a "Local Emergency";

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a "Local Emergency" exists throughout the County of Siskiyou; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said "Local Emergency", the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Office of Emergency Services of this County shall be those prescribed by State law and the ordinances, resolutions and approved plans of the County of Siskiyou in order to mitigate the effects of said "Local Emergency"; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said "Local Emergency" shall be deemed to continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and thereafter by ratification of the Board of Supervisors, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout the impacted areas of Siskiyou County and provide or request all eligible State and Federal financial assistance to the County and impacted local jurisdictions.

Dated: March 12, 2020
Time: _____

Signature on File
Jasen Vela, Director of Emergency Services
County of Siskiyou



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PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
BY THE SISKIYOU COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

Out of an abundance of caution and to protect the public health of all Siskiyou County residents, especially the vulnerable and those individuals who are at higher risk of illness, the Siskiyou County Public Health Officer hereby issues the following local emergency public health proclamation:

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code section 101080 authorizes a local health officer to declare a local health emergency in the health officer's jurisdiction, or any part thereof, whenever the health officer determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, non-communicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent; and

WHEREAS, the local health emergency shall not remain in effect after seven days from the date of this proclamation unless it has been ratified by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Siskiyou County Public Health Officer finds:

1. A novel coronavirus (named "2019-nCoV") was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat, based on current information. In part, the virus is considered a serious public health threat because much is unknown. The exact modes of transmission, the factors facilitating human-to-human transmission, the extent of asymptomatic viral shedding, the groups most at risk of serious illness, the attack rate, and the case fatality rate all remain active areas of investigation. The best information to date suggests that the virus is spread between people primarily via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and infected individuals have experienced a range of outcomes, from mild sickness to severe illness and death. The CDC believes at this time that symptoms appear two to fourteen days after exposure. Currently, there is no vaccine or specific antiviral treatment for 2019-nCoV.
2. The number of reported cases of 2019-nCoV and number of reported deaths from 2019-nCoV has escalated dramatically over a short period of time. To date, there are more than one hundred twenty-thousand (120,000) confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV and over four thousand (4,000) deaths from 2019-nCoV worldwide. Cases of 2019-nCoV, though concentrated in China, have been reported

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3. To date, the number of reported cases of 2019-nCoV in the United States is over one thousand and eighty (1080), and thirty-one (31) reported deaths. The number of reported cases of 2019-nCoV in California, to date, is one hundred and fifty-seven (157), including cases in neighboring Shasta County and Humboldt County. As of March 11, 2020, there have been three (3) confirmed deaths in California due to 2019-nCoV. Deaths have also been reported in Washington State, Florida, New Jersey and South Dakota. The State of Washington reports two hundred and seventy-three (273) confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV and New York State reports one hundred and seventy-six (176) cases to date. The State of Oregon has reported confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in numerous counties including neighboring Jackson County and Klamath County.
4. Actions are being taken to protect public health and limit the spread of 2019-nCoV in the United States. The California Governor and California Department of Public Health have issued recommendations that gatherings of two hundred and fifty (250) people or more should be postponed or cancelled; smaller gatherings that do not allow for social distancing of six (6) feet per person should be postponed or cancelled; gathering of people who are at higher risk for severe illness from 2019-nCoV should be limited to no more than 10 people, this includes gatherings at retirement facilities, assisted living facilities, developmental homes, and support homes for people with health conditions. The President of the United States has suspended travel to 26 European countries. CDC has issued a Level 3 Travel Health Notice recommending that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to China, Iran, 26 European countries, and South Korea, and entry of foreign national to the United States from these destinations has been suspended. The CDC has issued a Global Outbreak Notice at the Level 2 Travel Health Notice recommending that travelers that are older adults or those with chronic medical conditions consider postponing global travel. The U.S. government has evacuated more than two-hundred U.S. citizens from Whuhan, China to the United States and placed them in quarantine. Flights from Europe, Iran, and China to the United States have been suspended and all travelers returning to the United States from travel restricted countries are being asked to self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days to reduce the risk of community spread of 2019-nCoV.

WHEREAS, the Siskiyou County Public Health Officer does hereby find that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health in Siskiyou County from the introduction of 2019-nCoV in Siskiyou County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Siskiyou County Public Health Officer hereby does declare that a local health emergency now exists in the County of Siskiyou.

Dated: March 12, 2020

Time: _____

Signature on File

Stephen Kolpacoff, MD, Public Health Officer
County of Siskiyou