

County of Imperial  
Order of the Health Officer  
(Quarantine of All Persons Exposed to COVID-19)

Pursuant to sections 101030, 101040, 120175, and 120215, 120220, and 120225 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Health Officer hereby **ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The spread of COVID-19 is a substantial threat to the public's health and safety. The County of Imperial ("County") is currently subject to a declared local health emergency and a proclaimed local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor of the state of California has proclaimed a state of emergency. Everyone is at risk for becoming ill with COVID-19, but some people are more vulnerable to serious illness due to age or underlying health conditions. In order to slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent the healthcare system in the County from becoming overwhelmed, it is necessary for the Health Officer of the County to require the quarantine of persons exposed to COVID-19 ("COVID Exposed Persons").
2. Household contacts, intimate partners, caregivers, and any other persons who have been in close contact with a person either diagnosed with COVID-19, or likely to have COVID-19 ("COVID Positive Person") shall be considered COVID Exposed Persons. An individual is considered to be a close contact of a COVID Positive Person if, within forty-eight (48) hours before the symptoms began, and until the COVID Positive Person is no longer required to be isolated, the individual:
  - a. Was within six (6) feet of a COVID Positive Person for more than ten (10) minutes;  
OR
  - b. Had unprotected contact with the body fluids and/or secretions (including but not limited to being coughed on or sneezed on, sharing utensils, or drinking out of the same container) of a COVID Positive Person.
3. All COVID Exposed Persons shall be required to immediately take the following actions:
  - a. Quarantine themselves in their home or another residence for fourteen (14) days after the last close contact with a COVID Positive Person. If quarantined in a congregate setting, hotel or multi-unit setting, the COVID Exposed Person may not enter any other units within that setting.
  - b. Carefully review and closely follow all requirements of the Health Officer, Health Officer representative, or medical provider.
  - c. Keep a minimum distance of six (6) feet between themselves and other individuals at all times, excluding a treating medical professional, a caretaker, a law


enforcement officer enforcing this Order, a representative of the Health Officer, or any other person specifically authorized by the Health Officer.

4. COVID Exposed Persons may leave their place of quarantine to receive necessary medical care, and under the following conditions:
  - a. If the COVID Exposed Person does not exhibit any symptoms associated with COVID-19, as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>), then the COVID Exposed Person may leave their place of quarantine to procure food, clothing, or other necessities, if the following conditions are met:
    - i. The COVID Exposed Person exercises social distancing and maintains a minimum of six (6) feet of distance from other individuals at all times whenever possible; AND
    - ii. The COVID Exposed Person wears a face covering at all times while away from their place of quarantine.
  - b. If the COVID Exposed Person is included in the list of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers maintained by the California Department of Public Health (<https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/>), then the COVID Exposed Person may attend work if the following conditions are met:
    - i. The COVID Exposed Person does not exhibit any symptoms associated with COVID-19. The COVID Exposed person shall continue to self-monitor for symptoms associated with COVID-19, and shall immediately return to their place of quarantine should they begin to develop symptoms;
    - ii. The COVID Exposed Person's employer is able to prescreen employees and visitors for COVID-19 symptoms, including temperature checks;
    - iii. The COVID Exposed Person wears a face covering at all times while away from their place of quarantine; AND
    - iv. The COVID Exposed Person exercises social distancing and maintains a minimum of six (6) feet of distance from other individuals at all times whenever possible.
5. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order, or any application of it, is held to be invalid, preempted, or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

6. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference any applicable federal, State, or local law, regulation, rule, policy, or procedure related to COVID-19, as they may be amended or supplemented.
7. To protect the public's health, the Health Officer may take additional action(s) for failure to comply with this Order. Violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both under sections 120295 et seq. of the California Health and Safety Code. Further, pursuant to sections 26602 and 41601 of the California Government Code, and section 101029 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and the Chiefs of Police in all cities located in the County ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order.
8. This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

Date: May 17, 2020



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Health Officer