

County of Imperial  
Amended Order of the Health Officer

Pursuant to sections 101040, 120175, and 120175.5(b) of the California Health and Safety Code, the Imperial County Health Officer (“Health Officer”) hereby amends and supersedes the Amended Health Officer Orders dated July 1, 2020 and July 2, 2020. The Health Officer **ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, on July 1 of 2020, the Health Officer for the County issued an amended Health Officer Order, which was further amended on July 2, 2020, scaling back the activities and service permitted within County of Imperial (“County”) as a result of increases in the positivity rate of COVID-19 throughout the community (“Scale-back Order”); and

**WHEREAS**, conditions of the Scale-back Order called for increased community education and outreach, as well as limitations on nonessential gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of adhering to the conditions set forth in the Scale-back Order, the County has experienced a substantial decrease in the positivity rate of COVID-19 cases within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 19, 2020, the Health Officer determined that the County met all of the criteria necessary to apply for a variance to allow the County to move further into Stage 2 of the State’s Roadmap to Recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 25, 2020, the State granted the County’s request for a variance; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the granting of a variance, the County still remains on the State’s Monitoring List. Social distancing, face coverings, and other measures as provided for in this Order must be implemented to protect the health and safety of all residents and visitors of the County, and to ensure that the County does not experience a resurgence in COVID-19 positive cases.

**THEREFORE**, effective 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, and continuing until rescinded, the following will be in effect for the County of Imperial:

1. All residents of and visitors to the County are ordered to continue to stay home at their place of residence or shelter in place, with the following exceptions:
  - a. Residents and visitors may continue to maintain the continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors, and additional sectors as the State Public Health Officer may designate as critical to protect health and well-being of all Californians, as further outlined in Executive Orders N-33-20 and N-60-20, and the

list of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers (<https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/>) developed by the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”), as they may be amended or supplemented, unless otherwise restricted by this Order.

- b. Residents and visitors may engage in those activities deemed permissible by CDPH, as may be amended or supplemented (<https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>), unless otherwise restricted by this Order.
  - c. Residents and visitors may engage in those activities deemed permissible as detailed in the State’s Resilience Roadmap (<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>) and the County’s Roadmap to Recovery, as they may be amended or supplemented unless otherwise restricted by State guidance or this Order.
2. All businesses, nonprofits, governmental agencies, and other entities (collectively, “Entities”) located within the County shall continue to remain closed, with the exception of the following:
- a. Those Entities identified as necessary to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors, and additional sectors as the State Public Health Officer may designate as critical to protect health and well-being of all Californians, as further outlined in Executive Orders N-33-20 and N-60-20, and the list of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers (<https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/>) developed by CDPH, as they may be amended or supplemented, unless otherwise restricted by this Order.
  - b. Those Entities otherwise permitted to reopen in accordance with the State’s Resilience Roadmap (<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>), and the County’s Roadmap to Recovery, as they may be amended or supplemented, unless otherwise restricted by State guidance or this Order.
3. Those Entities that are permitted to reopen in accordance with the State’s Resilience Roadmap (<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>), and the County’s Roadmap to Recovery shall adhere to the guidance for reopening issued by State Public Health Officer and CDPH, as may be amended or supplemented, unless otherwise restricted by State guidance or this Order.
- a. Those Entities that fall into one of the industry-specific guidelines developed by CDPH must adhere to those specific guidelines:
    - i. *Agriculture and Livestock*  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-agriculture--en.pdf>).
    - ii. *Automobile Dealerships and Rentals*  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-auto-dealerships--en.pdf>).

- iii. *Campgrounds, RV Parks, and Outdoor Recreation*  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-campgrounds-outdoor-recreation--en.pdf>)
- iv. *Cardrooms, Satellite Wagering Facilities, and Racetracks*
  - (A) <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-cardrooms-racetracks--en.pdf>
  - (B) Racetracks may only operate without spectators.
  - (C) All indoor operations shall remain closed
- v. *Child Care Programs and Providers*  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-childcare--en.pdf>).
- vi. *Communications Infrastructure*  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-communications--en.pdf>).
- vii. *Construction*  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-construction--en.pdf>).
- viii. *Day Camps*  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-day-camps--en.pdf>).
- ix. *Delivery Services*  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-delivery-services--en.pdf>).
- x. *Energy and Utilities*  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-energy--en.pdf>).
- xi. *Expanded Personal Care Services Provided Outdoors*
  - (A) <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-outdoor-personal-care--en.pdf>.
  - (B) All indoor operations shall remain closed.
  - (C) Services for tattooing, piercing, and electrolysis must remain closed.
- xii. *Family Entertainment Centers*
  - (A) <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-family-entertainment--en.pdf>.
  - (B) All indoor operations shall remain closed.

- xiii. *Fitness Facilities*
- (A) <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-fitness--en.pdf>.
- (B) All indoor operations shall remain closed.
- xiv. *Food Packing and Processing*  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-food-packing--en.pdf>).
- xv. *Hair Salon and Barbershop Services Provided Outdoors*
- (A) <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-outdoor-hair-salons--en.pdf>.
- (B) All indoor operations shall remain closed.
- xvi. *Hotels, Lodging, and Short Term Rentals*  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hotels-lodging-rentals--en.pdf>).
- xvii. *Institutions of Higher Education*
- (A) <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-higher-education--en.pdf>.
- (B) Courses offered in specialized indoor settings (e.g. labs, studio arts), where the design of the course imposes substantial physical distancing on participants based on the nature of work performed in the space, may be conducted indoors. All other indoor operations shall remain closed.
- xviii. *Life Sciences*  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-life-sciences--en.pdf>).
- xix. *Limited Services*
- (A) <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-limited-services--en.pdf>.
- (B) Faith-based counseling services are permissible in-person where the service cannot reasonably be practiced remotely. This designation does not permit gatherings beyond counseling to members of a single household.
- xx. *Logistics and Warehousing Facilities*  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-logistics-warehousing--en.pdf>).

- xxi. Manufacturing  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-manufacturing--en.pdf>).
- xxii. Mining and Logging  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-mining-logging--en.pdf>).
- xxiii. Museums, Galleries, Zoos, and Aquariums
- (A) <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-zoos-museums--en.pdf>.
- (B) All indoor operations shall remain closed.
- xxiv. Office Workspaces
- (A) <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-office-workspaces--en.pdf>.
- (B) Unless the Entity is included within the list of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers (<https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/>) developed by CDPH, all indoor operations of office workspaces shall remain closed.
- (C) Faith-based facilities are considered “offices” only for those employed by the organization and where the facility is their regular place of work. This designation does not permit gatherings of non-employees, such as the organization’s congregation.
- xxv. Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies
- (A) <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship--en.pdf>.
- (B) All indoor operations shall remain closed.
- xxvi. Ports  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-ports--en.pdf>).
- xxvii. Public and Private Passenger Carriers, Transit, and Intercity Passenger Rail  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-transit-rail--en.pdf>).
- xxviii. Real Estate Transactions  
(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-real-estate--en.pdf>).

xxix. Restaurants Providing Outdoor Dining, Takeout, Drive-Through, and Delivery

- (A) <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-outdoor-restaurants--en.pdf>.
- (B) All indoor operations shall remain closed.
- (C) Bars, brewpubs, breweries, and pubs must close both indoor and outdoor operations unless they are offering sit-down, outdoor dine-in meals. Alcohol can only be sold in the same transaction as a meal.

xxx. Retail

- (A) <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail--en.pdf>.
- (B) Libraries may open by following the guidance for retailers. Libraries are also encouraged to follow the guidance developed by the State Library:  
(<https://library.ca.gov/Content/pdf/services/toLibraries/COVIDGuidanceLibraries.pdf>)

xxxi. Schools and School-Based Programs

(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools--en.pdf>)

xxxii. Shopping Malls, Destination Shopping Centers, Strip and Outlet Malls, and Swap Meets

- (A) <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-shopping-centers--en.pdf>.
- (B) All indoor operations shall remain closed.

xxxiii. Youth Sports

(<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-youth-sports--en.pdf>)

xxxiv. Any additional industry-specific guidance that may be developed by CDPH, which can be found on the State's website for industry guidance to reduce risk: (<https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>).

- b. All Entities that are permitted to reopen in accordance with the State's Resilience Roadmap (<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>), and the County's Roadmap to Recovery shall also adhere to the Family Friendly Practices for Employers (<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-family-friendly-practices-employers--en.pdf>) and Support for Working Families (<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-support-working-families--en.pdf>).

4. In addition to those orders and guidelines issued by the State, the following rules and restrictions shall apply to the County:
  - a. All Entities, including those identified as necessary to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors as stated in the list of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers, are strongly encouraged to implement telecommuting and other lawful measures to minimize the number of employees onsite at any given time.
  - b. All Entities shall be required to comply with the Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings issued by the CDPH on June 18, 2020 (“CDPH Face Covering Order”). All employees of and visitors to an Entity shall be required to wear face coverings, unless an employee or visitor falls within one of the exceptions outlined in the CDPH Face Covering Order.  
[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings\\_06-18-2020.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings_06-18-2020.pdf).
  - c. Family units residing in and visiting the County should refrain from visiting Entities in groups. Family units are strongly encouraged to limit the number of persons visiting an Entity to one (1) person per visit.
  - d. Gatherings of individuals, of any size, shall only be permitted as expressly provided within this Order. Individuals gathering for the provision of services, as permitted under this Order, shall maintain a minimum of six (6) feet from others at all times whenever possible. Additionally, individuals gathering for the provision of services shall wear face coverings at all times, unless an individual falls within one of the exceptions outlined in the CDPH Face Covering Order. All other gatherings, of any size, that include individuals that do not reside within the same household are prohibited.
5. All residents of and visitors to the County shall continue to abide by the face covering and social distancing directives outlined in the Health Order dated June 16, 2020, as amended.
6. Both the County and the cities located within the County’s boundaries are strongly encouraged to increase community education through collaboration with their respective law enforcement agencies to inform the public about the restrictions on public and private gatherings.
7. Both the County and the cities located within the County’s boundaries are strongly encouraged to continue public messaging that engages community-based and faith-based groups and provides education to the community with respect to COVID-19.
8. The County is strongly encouraged to continue its binational partnership with the City of Mexicali, Mexico, to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 in both communities.

9. This Order does not, in any way, restrict: (a) first responder access to the site(s) named in this Order during an emergency; or (b) local, State or federal officers, investigators, or medical or law enforcement personnel from carrying out their lawful duties at the site(s) named in this Order.
10. The County shall promptly provide copies of this Order by: (a) posting it on the County's Department of Public Health's website (<http://www.icphd.org/health-information-and-resources/healthy-facts/covid-19/guidance-and-resources/state-&-county-orders/>); (b) posting it at the County Administration Center located at 940 W. Main Street, El Centro, California, 92243; and (c) providing it to any member of the public requesting a copy.
11. The owner, manager, or operator of any Entity that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public requesting a copy.
12. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, business, structure, gathering, or circumstance 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

Date: August 25, 2020



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