

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 rescinds the Amended Health Order dated September 22, 2020, and amends the Health Officer Order dated August 30, 2020. The Health Officer **ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2020 the Acting State Public Health Officer for the state of California (“State”) issued a [Statewide Public Health Officer Order](#) (“August 28th Order”), which went into effect August 31, 2020, and superseded the July 13, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order; and

WHEREAS, the August 28th Order created a new framework for the reopening of businesses under COVID-19, and has been designated California’s Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe, also referred to as the Blueprint for a Safer Economy; and

WHEREAS, in response to the August 28th Order, the Health Officer issued a new Health Officer Order dated August 30, 2020, (“August 30th Order”) in order to: (1) align the County’s reopening criteria with those specified within the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy; (2) protect the health and safety of all residents and visitors of the County; and (3) ensure that the County does not experience a resurgence in COVID-19 positive cases; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2020 the Health Officer amended the August 30th Order (“September 22nd Amendment”) to incorporate updates to State industry guidelines for nails salons and electrologists; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2020, the Health Officer further amended the August 30th Order (“October 10th Amendment”) to incorporate updates to State industry guidelines for private gatherings; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2020, the State issued updated industry guidance for [Expanded Personal Care Services](#), which allows body waxing studios, electrologists, estheticians, massage therapy studios, nail salons, piercing shops, skincare and cosmetology services, and tattoo parlors to provide services indoors, subject to certain conditions and restrictions; and


WHEREAS, the State’s updated industry guidance for [Expanded Personal Care Services](#) is not reflected within the Health Officer’s August 30th Order, the September 22nd Amendment, or the October 10th Amendment. Consequently, an additional amendment to the August 30th Order is required.

THEREFORE, effective 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2020, and continuing until rescinded, the following will be in effect for the County of Imperial:

1. The Amended Health Officer Order dated September 22, 2020, is rescinded.
2. Paragraph 3(d)(iii) of the August 30, 2020 Health Officer Order, concerning Expanded Personal Care Services Provided Outdoors, is hereby deleted.
3. The following entities shall be permitted to open indoors in accordance with the industry guidelines for [Expanded Personal Care Services](#):
 - a. Body waxing studios
 - b. Electrologists
 - c. Estheticians
 - d. Massage therapy Studios
 - e. Nail salons
 - f. Piercing shops
 - g. Skincare and cosmetology services
 - h. Tattoo parlors
4. All other terms and conditions of the August 30th Order, including the October 10th Amendment, shall remain in full force and effect.
5. 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.
6. This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: October 22, 2020

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Stephen Munday, M.D., MPH
Health Officer