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 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issued a Statewide Public Health Officer Order (“August 28th Order”), which went into effect August 31, 2020, and superseded the July 13, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order; and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, the Blueprint for a Safer Economy creates a new four-tiered system for reopening. Tiers are determined by examining the two metrics: (1) new cases per 100,000 population per day (7 day average; 7 day lag); and (2) testing percentage positivity (7 day average; 7 day lag); and

WHEREAS, in response to the August 28th Order, the Health Officer issued a new Health Officer Order dated August 30, 2020, in order to align the County’s reopening criteria with those specified within the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy in order 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; and

WHEREAS, the State recently provided updated reopening criteria for nails salons and electrologists, which is not reflected within the existing Health Officer Order. Consequently, and amendment to the August 30, 2020 Order is required.

THEREFORE, effective 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, and continuing until rescinded, the following will be in effect for the County of Imperial:

1. Paragraph 3(d)(iii) of the August 30, 2020 Health Officer Order, concerning Expanded Personal Care Services Provided Outdoors, is hereby deleted and replaced with the following conditions:

   a. Nail Salons and Electrologists providing physician-ordered electrolysis may conduct business indoors, and must adhere to the industry guidelines for Expanded Personal Care Services.
b. Body Waxing Studios, Estheticians, Massage Therapy Studios, and Skincare and Cosmetology Services may only conduct business outdoors, and must adhere to the industry guidelines for Expanded Personal Care Services Provided Outdoors.

c. Services for tattooing, piercing, and non-medical electrolysis must remain closed.

2. All other terms and conditions of the August 20, 2020 Health Officer Order shall remain in full force and effect.

3. 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.

4. This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: September 22, 2020

Stephen Munday, M.D., MPH
Health Officer