

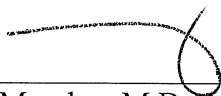
County of Imperial  
Order of the Health Officer

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 Amended Health Officer Order dated July 1, 2020. The Health Officer **ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. On July 1, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) issued revised industry guidelines for Places of Worship: <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>. All Places of Worship located within the County of Imperial are required to adhere to the CDPH guidelines. In addition, the following restrictions shall apply to Places of Worship:
  - i. Places of worship are strongly encouraged to continue offering virtual services and other means of congregating that do not require individuals to appear in person.
  - ii. No indoor services or congregations shall be permitted. Outdoor services are permitted, but shall be limited to one hundred (100) individuals. Physical distancing of a minimum of six (6) feet must be maintained at all times during outdoor services. Services shall not be held under shade structures where at least six (6) feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained at all times.
  - iii. Singing and group recitation shall only be permitted through alternative virtual methods (i.e. internet live and/or recorded streaming, telephone, etc.) Such activities shall not be allowed at in-person services or congregations.
  - iv. Faith traditions that require the kissing of ritual objects, use of common cups, and use of other community property such as preprinted programs and books shall be discontinued. Activities such a communion may continue if provided pre-packaged and placed on seating areas prior to services. Congregates may bring their own books or other worship materials to services or other faith gatherings.
  - v. The passing of offering plates shall be discontinued. Places of worship may set up containers where congregates may place their donations.
  - vi. Children must remain with their family group at all times during services or other faith gatherings. Sunday school and other children services shall not be permitted.
2. All other terms and conditions of the previous Order issued July 1, 2020, remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

Date: July 2, 2020

  
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Stephen Munday, M.D., MPH  
Health Officer