

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 Order dated May 9, 2020. The Health Officer **ORDERS AS FOLLOWS**:

Effective 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, and continuing until rescinded, the following will be in effect for the County of Imperial (“County”):

1. All residents living within the County are ordered to continue to stay home at their place of residence, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Residents 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.
 - b. Residents 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/>).
 - c. Residents may engage in those activities deemed permissible as detailed in the State Public Health Officer’s Order dated May 7, 2020 (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/SHO%20Order%205-7-2020.pdf>), the State’s Resilience Roadmap (<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>), and the County’s Roadmap to Recovery, as they may be amended or supplemented.
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.
 - b. Those Entities otherwise permitted to reopen in accordance with the State Public Health Officer’s Order dated May 7, 2020 (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/SHO%20Order%205-7-2020.pdf>), the State’s Resilience Roadmap

(<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>), and the County's Roadmap to Recovery, as they may be amended or supplemented.

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. Additionally, those Entities that fall into one of the following industries must follow the guidelines developed by CDPH for that specific industry:
 - a. Agriculture and Livestock (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-agriculture.pdf>)
 - b. Auto Dealerships (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-auto-dealerships.pdf>)
 - c. Child Care (https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/CCLD/PINs/2020/CCP/PIN_20-06-CCP.pdf)
 - d. Communications Infrastructure (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-communications.pdf>)
 - e. Construction (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-construction.pdf>)
 - f. Delivery Service (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-delivery-services.pdf>)
 - g. Energy and Utilities (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-energy.pdf>)
 - h. Food Packing (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-food-packing.pdf>)
 - i. Hotels and Lodging (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hotels.pdf>)
 - j. Life Sciences (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-life-sciences.pdf>)
 - k. Limited Services (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-limited-services.pdf>)
 - l. Logistics and Warehousing Facilities (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-logistics-warehousing.pdf>)
 - m. Manufacturing (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-manufacturing.pdf>)
 - n. Mining and Logging (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-mining-logging.pdf>)
 - o. Outdoor Museums (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-outdoor-museums.pdf>)
 - p. Office Workspaces (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-office-workspaces.pdf>)
 - q. Places of Worship (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>).
Case studies conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have

determined that certain faith-based activities may increase the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19 to other congregates:

(<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6920e2.htm>)

(<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6919e6.htm>)


Therefore, the following additional restrictions shall apply to places of worship:

- i. Singing and group recitation shall only be permitted through alternative methods (i.e. internet live and/or recorded streaming, telephone, drive-in, etc.) Such activities shall not be allowed in indoor facilities.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. The passing of offering plates shall be discontinued. Places of worship may set up containers where congregates may place their donations.
 - iv. 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.
- r. Ports (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-ports.pdf>)
 - s. Public Transit and Intercity Passenger Rail (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-transit-rail.pdf>)
 - t. Real Estate Transaction (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-real-estate.pdf>)
 - u. Retail (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail.pdf>)
 - v. Shopping Centers (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-shopping-centers.pdf>)
 - w. Any additional industry-specific guidance that may be developed by CDPH, which can be found on the State's Resilience Roadmap website (<https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>).
4. Local variance of the State's Resilience Roadmap may be permissible if certain readiness criteria developed by CDPH are met by the County (<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/>). Any such variance of the State's Resilience Roadmap shall be done in accordance with all processes and procedures developed by CDPH, as they may be amended or supplemented, including but not limited to the attestation by the County's Health Officer that all readiness criteria designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 have been met.

5. All residents and visitors of the County shall continue to abide by the face covering and social distancing directives outlined in the Health Order dated April 9, 2020, as amended.
6. 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.
7. 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/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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: May 26, 2020



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Health Officer