

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 **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issued a [Statewide Public Health Officer Order](#) (“August 28th Order”), which went into effect August 31, 2020, and superseded the July 13, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order; and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, subsequent the adoption to the August 30th Order, the Health Officer issued several amendments to the August 30th Order to incorporate changes made by the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) to certain industry guidelines; and

WHEREAS, over the past several weeks, the COVID-19 positivity rate throughout the State has increased dramatically. This has resulted in CDPH issuing several new industry guidelines and other guidance documents, including an update to the [CDPH Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Gatherings](#), which supersedes the states previous Guidance for Private Gatherings; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that new State orders and guidance document are incorporated and implemented within the County of Imperial (“County”) in a timely manner, on November 19, 2020, the Health Officer issued a new Health Order (“November 19th Order”), which supersedes the August 30th Order, including all amendments made thereto. The November 19th Order requires all residents and visitors of the County to abide by all orders and guidelines issued by the Governor, the Acting State Public Health Officer, or CDPH concerning COVID-19, including any order or guidelines issued after the effective date of the November 19th Order; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing the [CDPH Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Gatherings](#), the Health Officer has determined that additional restrictions above

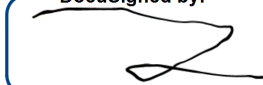
and beyond those provided in the guidance document are necessary in order to protect the health and safety of the residents and visitors of the County.

THEREFORE, effective 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020, and continuing until rescinded, the following will be in effect for the County of Imperial:

1. All residents and visitors of the County shall continue to abide by all terms and conditions of the November 19th Order.
2. All residents and visitors of the County shall abide by the [CDPH Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Gatherings](#). Residents and visitors of the County shall also abide by the following restrictions:
 - a. No more than sixteen (16) individuals shall be permitted to attend any private gathering located within the cities and the unincorporated areas of the County of Imperial.
 - b. Singing, chanting, shouting, and the playing of wind instruments (any instrument played by the mouth, such as a trumpet or clarinet) are prohibited during any private gathering.
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: November 20, 2020

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Stephen Munday, M.D., MPH
Health Officer