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Further Restrictions Necessary to Decrease Risk of COVID-19 Transmission

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Unfortunately, regional COVID infections continue to escalate. Despite concerns, and restrictions placed last week, significant recreational activity that increases the risk of transmission was observed this weekend in local parks, hotels, and on Clear Lake. Given these factors, I am issuing a Health Order Addendum to c20-3 (issued March 19), effective at 11am, March 23, through April 10, 2020. This adds the following mandates:

- Immediate Closure of County of Lake waterways, including Clear Lake, Blue Lakes, Highland Springs Reservoir, Cache Creek, Lake Pillsbury, Indian Valley Reservoir and any other public, navigable waterway to any recreational boating activity.
- Immediate cessation of lodging in motels, hotels, campgrounds, RV parks, and vacation rentals (such as AirBNB), except in the case of medical staff, COVID 19 emergency workers, construction workers of critical infrastructure, and permanent residents (who have resided on-site since prior to March 9). Any people claiming exemption (other than first responders and medical staff will need written approval from the Lake County Health Services Department.

This order imposes further restrictions on activity on the lake and on travel and lodging for people coming from outside of Lake County. We are moving into a new phase of preparation for the outbreak, which demands we take major steps towards limitation of social contact to prevent transmission.

For more information, visit the Lake County Health Services Department's website: <http://health.co.lake.ca.us>

If you still have questions, send an email request: MHOAC@lakecountyca.gov.

You can also call during business hours: 707-263-8174

Thank you for your cooperation.

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