

**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. C20-3(A2)**

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**IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES AND GATHERINGS TO STOP OR BE CANCELLED**

**DATE OF ADDENDUM (A2) ORDER: March 23, 2020**

**ORIGINAL ORDER DATED MARCH 18, 2020 and**

**ADDENDUM ORDER (A1) DATED MARCH 22, 2020**

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295, *et seq.*; California Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1); Lake County Administrative Code Article I, Section 1-10.

Summary: The risk from coronavirus continues to escalate in our region and across the country. We have taken strong measures to try to slow the spread-- issuing emergency orders, closing schools, and on March 19, Lake County began following “shelter in place” orders. These actions are very disruptive to people’s lives and financial security, yet they are necessary to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating illness. Public Health Officer issued Order c20-3 for the County was issued on March 19, 2020 and was similar to orders issued by many neighboring counties that mandated people stay home and stop all non-essential visitation and gatherings, except to conduct “essential business.” What constitutes “Essential” businesses are well-outlined in the order, and FAQs that can be found on our webpage. Governor Newsom issued similar orders for the whole state the following day. Reportedly, 25% of the US population has been placed under some form of these isolation orders.

We need public cooperation to stop any unnecessary activity. Please do not ignore the Order to stay at home with your family. Mixing with other people, ignoring social distancing, having out of town guests are the ways that this virus will get a foothold in the community. Given the escalation of regional COVID-19 infections, and given the fact that over the weekend there has been significant recreational activity in local parks, hotels, and on Clear Lake that increase the risk of transmission, I deem it necessary to take stronger action in an attempt to prevent the introduction and transmission of the coronavirus into Lake County.

Under any of the limited circumstances in which individuals are allowed to interact in person

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outside their residence, the Health Officer Order directs individuals to abide by the following requirements:

- (i) maintain at least six feet from other individuals, wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer, as frequently as possible, cover coughs or sneezes, and not shake hands; and
- (ii) people with medical conditions, regardless of age, putting them at higher risk of serious complications should they be infected with COVID-19, other than health care workers and other essential service providers, SHALL SHELTER AT HOME unless seeking medical care, See CDC website; and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/people-at-higher-risk.html>
- (iii) employers in Lake County that do not provide essential business or government services, take all steps necessary for employees to work from home, to the extent possible. These requirements build on the California Department of Public Health and United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines issued March 11, 2020, extended as necessary to address the health emergency affecting the Lake County, and
- (iv) No individual who is sick may go to the workplace or be outside the home, except as necessary to seek or receive medical care in accordance with guidance from public health officials.

THIS ORDER IS IN ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER NUMBER C20-3, ISSUED March 18, 2020 A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS ORDER AND INCORPORATED BY THIS REFERENCE AS WELL AS THE STATE GUIDANCE REGARDING ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS ISSUED MARCH 20, 2020.

THIS DOES NOT REPLACE THE PRIOR ORDERS BUT IS IN ADDITION TOO.

The Health Officer may revise this Order as the situation evolves, and all service providers and managers of facilities subject to this Order must stay updated by regularly checking the Public Health website (<http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus.htm>).

### **UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:**

1. The intent of this Order is to ensure the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible, while enabling ONLY essential services to continue. When people need to leave their places of residence, whether to obtain or perform vital services, or to otherwise facilitate authorized activities that are deemed essential, they MUST at all times comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in ORDER C20-3. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and creates an immediate menace to public health.

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2. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 in neighboring areas to the county and in light of the existence of 1,470 known cases and 27 deaths of COVID-19 in California, across 49 counties, as of 8:00 a.m. on Sunday March 22, 2020. There are a significant and increasing number of suspected cases of community transmission, indicating further significant increases in transmission are probable. Widespread testing for COVID-19 is not yet available but is expected to increase in the coming days. This Order is necessary to slow the rate of spread, and the Health Officer will reevaluate it as further data becomes available.
3. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, the March 9, 2020 Declaration of a Local Health Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) issued by the Lake County Health Officer, ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020, the Proclamation by Sheriff Martin Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency on March 13, 2020 which was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2020, and guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health, as each of them have been and may be supplemented.
4. This Order is also issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 12, 2020 Executive Order (Executive Order N-25-20) issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. Executive Order N-25-20 expressly orders “[a]ll residents are to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials, including but not limited to the imposition of social distancing measures, to control the spread of COVID-19.” This Order is also based on continued rapid spread across neighboring counties and the United States. In the United States as of 8:00 a.m. March 22, 202 there are 26,747 confirmed cases and 340 deaths.
5. Revised and/or New Definitions and Exemptions  
In addition to Order C20-3 the following facilities and activities are ordered **CLOSED** and/or **STOPPED**:
  - a. Churches to cancel all in-person services and go to Facebook streaming or some other online strategy.
  - b. Restaurants, coffee shops, and bakeries with any indoor or outdoor dining. (Take out, delivery, curb side and drive through is allowed.) All food facilities must have a current valid retail food permit from the County of Lake, Environmental Health Division.
  - c. Permitted facilities with the following permit are required to close immediately, unless authorized as an essential business under a separate classification than food or groceries
    - (i) All facilities that have less than 25 square feet of pre-packaged, non-hazardous food, incidental to main business registration
    - (ii) All facilities that have less than 25 square feet of Low risk not prepackaged, non-hazardous food
  - d. Bars and night clubs with or without food including prepackaged food or snacks.
  - e. Entertainment venues with or without food; including golf courses, gun ranges, bowling alleys, movie theaters, swimming pools, skating rinks, skate parks, batting cages indoor & outdoor, all sporting events youth or adult.
  - f. Thrift stores, second hand stores, consignment, and antique stores
  - g. Gyms and fitness studios, including yoga, Tai Chi, boxing, karate, gymnastics, etc.
  - h. Public events and gatherings, including parks and recreational outdoor events like disc golf, golf, skate parks, basketball courts, tennis courts, etc.
  - i. Convention Centers, and any centers that provides any entertainment.

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- j. Hair and nail salons, including spas, massage parlors and tattoo parlors.
- k. Guided, Sport and/or Recreational fishing on any waterbodies, including all fish, bait and tackle shops.  
(Fishing for food on private property or Tribal land is allowed)

6. Lodging, including, Hotels, Motels, Bed & Breakfast, Time Shares, Vacation Rentals like; Air B&B or VRBO, R.V Parks and camp grounds or similar facilities shall comply with the following;

For property owner:

By order of the Lake County Public Health Officer **NO** Hotel, Motel, vacation rental property, VRBO, recreational vehicle park, campground, timeshare or other similar facilities who offer short term accommodations, shall rent or provide accommodations to any person until such time this order is modified or rescinded. This order shall not apply to the rental or provision of accommodations to any of the following: see A, B, C, and D, listed below:

For customer:

By order of the Lake County Public Health Officer **NO** person shall rent or occupy any Hotel, Motel, vacation rental property, VRBO, Recreational Vehicle Park, campground, timeshare or other similar facilities who offer short term accommodations until such time this order is modified or rescinded. This order shall not apply to a person renting or occupying under the following conditions.

Exceptions:

A. A person who is working in an essential function during this crisis who is deemed by the Public Health Officer to be a COVID-19 Emergency Response worker, including first responders and medical staff. People other than first responders and medical staff who are COVID-19 emergency workers residing in local hotels or vacation rentals will need approval by the Public Health Officer, and the person shall have written verification in their possession.

B. A person who lived in that property as a permanent home prior to March 9, 2020. If someone has no other permanent residence, they can request an exemption form Public Health.

C. Exceptions for any person who is being housed through an agreement or contract with the county or other agency, to house homeless or quarantined persons.

D. Any person who is working on construction projects that have current permits from local agencies and are deemed as essential infrastructure worker or verified by the Health Department. This would only apply to the approved worker and not additional guests staying with approved worker.

7. In order to limit nonessential public activity, public congregation and travel onto Lake County from out of the area, and in order to limit transmission of the COVID-19 virus and to protect the health of the public, as the Public Health Officer I do hereby order the following actions: Immediate Closure any recreational boating activity of all City and County Water Ways Including; Clear Lake, Blue Lakes, Highland Springs Reservoir, Lake Pillsbury, Indian Reservoir, Cache Creek and any other public waterway to.

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This prohibition applies to all motorized and non motorized vessels, including powerboats, sailboats, personal watercraft, canoes, kayaks, rafts, paddleboards, or any device designed or used to transport a person or persons across water.

This provision does not apply to bona fide law enforcement officers while enforcing or ensuring compliance with the provisions of this order, or while enforcing and ensuring compliance with other laws.

This order does not apply to any bona fide governmental or regulatory agency while performing official duties otherwise required by law.

This order does not apply to moored or docked motorized and non motorized vessels, powerboats, sailboats, personal watercraft, canoes, or kayaks. Boats currently moored or docked do not need to be removed from the lake but shall not be used for the duration of the order.

8. I hereby order and direct the Cities of Lakeport and Clearlake and the County of Lake to take steps to block public boat ramps, docks and public entryways to the waterways described in this order by placing barriers at such locations as deemed reasonable and necessary by staff to prevent the entry of the watercraft described in this order from entering waterways.

9. Any person or persons violating the above orders may be subject to citation and or arrest pursuant to Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029. The Health Officer requests the Sheriff and the Chiefs of Police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and creates an immediate menace to public health.

10. This Order shall become effective at 11:00 a.m. on March 23, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 10, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

11. The County must promptly provide copies of this Order as follows: (1) by posting on the County Administrator's website (Lakecountyca.gov) and the Department of Public Health website (health.co.lake.ca.us); (2) by posting at the County Courthouse and Administration Office building, located at 255 N Forbes St, Lakeport Ca 95453; (3) by posting at City Offices and (4) by providing a copy to any member of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy onsite, and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy.


If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**



Gary Pace, MD, MPH

Health Officer, County of Lake



Dated: March 23, 2020