

ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICEROF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO DIRECTING ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO STAY AT HOME OR AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND DIRECTING CLOSURE OF BARS

DATE OF ORDER: June 29, 2020

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, 120175, AND 120220, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ("HEALTH OFFICER") HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

- This order supersedes the June 19, 2020 Order of the Public Health Officer directing all individuals to stay at home ("prior Stay At Home"). This Order shall become effective at 6 p.m. on June 29, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until it is rescinded or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
- 2. Given current rates of transmission and increase in hospitalization in Sacramento County, there is a need to reduce non-essential gatherings where mixing and disease spread occur. All bars, brewpubs, breweries and pubs operating in Sacramento County are hereby ordered to close until further notice. Establishments that provide sit-down meals can only sell alcohol in the same transaction as a meal following the dine-in restaurant guidance. Venues that are currently authorized to provide off sale beer, wine, and spirits to be consumed off premises and do not offer sit-down, dine-in meals must follow guidance for retail operations and offer curbside sales only.
- This order follows the recommendation by the Governor on June28, 2020 that all counties on the County Monitoring List for three or more consecutive days but less than 14 days close bars. The recommendation can be found at https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Bar-Closure-Guidance.aspx

On June 24, Sacramento County was placed on the county monitoring List after exceeding 10% increase in hospitalization for more than 3 consecutive days. The County monitoring Data Chart can be found at https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19CountyDataTable.aspx

- 4. Community spread of infection is of increasing concern in Sacramento County. In the week ending on June 20, 2020, there were 502 reported cases of COVID-19, far exceeding the initial peak of 205 cases reported in the week ending April 4, 2020. Moreover, the number of hospitalized cases has increased back the same level during the initial peak of April 4, 2020 (77 cases hospitalized). Young adults aged 18 to 49 years constitute 50% of current cases, and the majority of cases are linked to private gatherings. Individuals with chronic underlying conditions are at increased risk of severe disease and hospitalization. Beyond the impact to the general population, community spread increases the risk of outbreaks occurring in congregate settings with the vulnerable population, such as nursing homes, homeless shelters and jails. This can lead to high rates of hospitalizations and death and place a strain on hospital delivery system.
- 5. Bars are included in Stage 3 of California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap because they create an environment anchored in significantly high levels of community mixing of individuals outside of one's own household. These settings also make it difficult to enforce protective measures of social distancing, and face covering and therefore pose a higher risk of spread of infection of COVID-19. Bars generally attract a younger population. As the virus spreads in the community these individuals can spread the infection to more vulnerable populations.
- 6. As part of this Order, all other activities previously allowed under Stage 1 and Stage 2 as listed in Appendix B of this Order are explicitly allowed in Sacramento County following guidance on Social Distancing Protocols in Appendix A. In light of the expiration of the Governor's executive order directive temporarily suspending certain requirements of the plastic bag ban, Sacramento County is lifting the ban on using personal reusable bags. Other sector-specific guidance can be found at https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-quidance/
- 7. On June 18, 2020, the California Department of Public Health issued new guidance, which requires people to wear face coverings whenever indoors with certain exceptions. Guidance on this requirement is here:

(https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20 Library/COVID-19/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings 06-18-2020.pdf. A growing body of scientific research has shown that people with no or few symptoms of COVID-19 can still spread the disease and that the use of face coverings, combined with physical distancing and frequent hand washing, will reduce the spread of COVID-19. As part of this Order the Sacramento County Health Officer aligns the County face covering order with the State mandate.

8. CDC guidance for those experiencing homelessness outside of shelters should be followed. To maintain public health and safety, local governments should allow people who are living unsheltered, in cars, RV's, and trailers, or in encampments on public property to remain where they are, unless the people living in those locations are provided with a) real-time access to individual rooms or housing units for households, with appropriate accommodations including for disabilities, and b) a clear plan to safely transport those households.

Do not cite persons experiencing homelessness for using cars, RV's, and trailers as shelter during community spread of COVID-19. Do not remove property from people experiencing homelessness, which includes their shelter (e.g., tents, vehicles, or other living structures), hygiene equipment, food supplies, water, and personal items. Items that people who are living unsheltered designate as trash and request to be removed can be disposed of, as can detritus which has spoiled.

Clearing encampments causes people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers, increasing the potential for infectious disease spread.

Exceptions are encampments that pose an imminent and significant public safety hazard or adversely impact critical infrastructure as designated by local, state, or federal law, regulations, or orders.

- 9. This Order will take effect at **6 p.m. on June 29, 2020** and will be in effect until it is rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer for Sacramento County.
- 10. <u>Copies of Order.</u> Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Administration Building at 700 H Street, Sacramento 95814, First Floor; (2) posted on the Sacramento County COVID-19 website (COVID19.saccounty.net) and County Health

Department's website (dhs.saccounty.net/PUB); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

11. **Severability.** If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, 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.

Dated: June 29, 2020

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Olivia Kasirye, MD, MS Health Officer of the County of Sacramento