

ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO DIRECTING ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY TO ADHERE TO COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES AND CLOSING OR MODIFYING CERTAIN OPERATIONS

DATE OF ORDER: April 15, 2021

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:

- 1. This order supersedes the March 16, 2021 Order of the Public Health Officer. This Order **shall become effective immediately** and will continue to be in effect until it is rescinded or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
- 2. The State of California Blueprint for a Safer Economy (https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/) is a system of county monitoring and re-opening of businesses, sectors, and activities based on a tiered system corresponding to specific indicators of COVID-19 disease burden. According to this system, Sacramento County has been placed in Red Tier 2 (substantial) and is subject to all State of California restrictions and guidance for Red Tier 2 (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%2 OLibrary/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September 2020.pdf).
- 3. The California Department of Public Health face covering mandate (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx) requires all people in California to wear face coverings when they are outside of the home, with specific exemptions.
- 4. Schools must abide by California Department of Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools (https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/) and

(https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19-K12-Schools-InPerson-Instruction.aspx)

- 5. Sports programs must abide by California Department of Public Health Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports Guidance (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/outdoor-indoor-recreational-sports.aspx).
- 6. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that guidance for those experiencing homelessness outside of shelters continue to be followed. To maintain public health and safety, local governments are advised to 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 life necessities from people experiencing homelessness, which includes, for example, their shelter (e.g., tents, vehicles, or other living structures), hygiene equipment, food supplies, water, medicines, mobility devices (such as walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes), and bicycles used for transportation.

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 a public safety hazard or adversely impact critical infrastructure as designated by local, state, or federal law, regulations, or orders.

- 7. This Order **will take effect immediately** and will be in effect until it is rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer of Sacramento County.
- 8. <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.

9. **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.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Olivia Kasirye, MD, MS

Health Officer of the County of Sacramento

Dated: April 15, 2021