

**ORDER OF THE YOLO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER REGARDING THE
RECOVERY FROM COVID-19**

DATE OF ORDER: May 28, 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)).

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

1. This Order will take effect upon issuance and extinguish the local Shelter in Place Order issued by the Health Officer on March 18, 2020 (the “Local Shelter Order”). This Order will continue to be in effect until rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer. Key provisions of this Order include:

- Section 2, which explains the Local Shelter Order is extinguished but **the local Face Coverings Order remains in full force** in light of its importance in maintaining community health;
- Section 3, which emphasizes **the importance of personal responsibility and awareness** in minimizing the spread of COVID-19;
- Section 4, which introduces an attachment containing **personal health and safety guidance** that is essential for all community members to follow, along with a reminder about existing guidance for high-risk populations (also attached); and
- Sections 6 and 7, which refer to **binding directives and non-binding guidance**, respectively, available at www.covid19.ca.gov and at tabs on www.yolocounty.org. These materials include directives and guidance from California Department of Public Health and other authorities, including Yolo County, that restrict how certain activities (for example, golf, restaurant operations, and non-essential retail) may be carried out.

2. This Order extinguishes the Local Shelter Order immediately upon issuance, prior to its scheduled expiration on May 31, 2020. However, as required by California law, the statewide stay-at-home orders issued by the State Public Health Officer and related guidance from the California Department of Public Health **continue to apply in Yolo County**. This means that residents, businesses, and others must follow all statewide requirements set by the State Public Health Officer for as long as those requirements remain in effect, including any changes to those requirements made over time. Such changes are frequent but, as of the date of this Order, state restrictions include limits on non-essential travel, gatherings, and certain business and social activities, as described in the following state materials:

- A. The March 19, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order (the “State Shelter Order”) setting baseline statewide restrictions on individuals and most activities, including business operations;

- B. Executive Order N-33-20, also issued on March 19, 2020, directing California residents to follow the State Shelter Order;
- C. The May 7, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order announcing a Roadmap for the phased relaxation of business and activity restrictions associated with COVID-19; and
- D. All related directives issued by the State Public Health Officer in connection with the foregoing. As of the date of this Order, those directives are set forth in the guidance documents and other materials included on the www.covid19.ca.gov website.

3. Following issuance of this Order, **the Face Coverings Order issued by the Health Officer on April 24, 2020, will remain in effect.** The Face Coverings Order is available at <https://www.yolocounty.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=64118>, and various other local orders, guidance, and public awareness materials are available from tabs at www.yolocounty.org. As explained in that Order, compliance is critical to maintaining a stable public health situation in the County and minimizing the spread of COVID-19. That Order emphasizes personal responsibility and the role of local businesses, workplaces, and others, in promoting compliance as follows:

The success of this Order depends upon voluntary compliance by individuals and community acceptance of its requirements. Individual violators are unlikely to be cited, with enforcement directed instead at non-complying Essential Businesses and other enterprises. **Despite this, through voluntary compliance, all individuals have an opportunity to contribute to public health and the welfare of our community.** Individuals that choose not to wear Face Coverings when required by this Order may encounter difficulties such as being refused access to public transit and Essential Businesses. Accordingly, individual compliance with this Order is essential to successfully performing many basic activities—such as shopping for groceries and other necessary supplies—and is expected of all community members. (Face Coverings Order at p. 1.)

Consistent with this language, the Health Officer emphasizes the continuing importance of personal responsibility, awareness, and community support for practicing responsible behaviors to minimize COVID-19 spread. Consistent, widespread adherence to the practices described in this Order (including Section 4, below) and the requirements of the Face Coverings Order will make a meaningful difference in our community, controlling the spread of COVID 19 and allowing more businesses to reopen and activities to resume over time.

4. In addition to the Face Coverings Order, the Health Officer strongly urges all residents to follow the personal health and safety guidance set forth in **Attachment A (Personal Health and Safety Guidance)** hereto, incorporated herein by this reference. The guidance set forth in Attachment A includes many social distancing, hygiene, and other behaviors that have become routine for most members of our community. Please review the guidance carefully and check for updates from time to time at www.yolocounty.org and www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-roadmap. Consistently following the behaviors described therein while you are at home, at work, and in the community is of vital importance to the public health and economic well-being of our County.

For high-risk populations, including those over 65 years of age and individuals with serious health conditions, Attachment A also includes separate guidance document (“High-Risk Populations”) with recommendations. The Health Officer encourages higher risk individuals to remain at home as much as possible and to adhere to the other safety recommendations in the guidance document.

5. As stated generally in Paragraph 1, above, this Order supersedes the following prior local Health Officer Orders, which are of no further force or effect:

- A. The March 18 Yolo County Shelter in Place Order;
- B. The April 24 order revising the Local Shelter Order to authorize certain recreational activities; however, activity-specific protocol included in that order remain in full force and effect; and
- C. The April 1 and April 30 orders extending the Local Shelter Order.

6. As the state allows new business types and other activities, it frequently issues guidance documents that are posted to www.covid19.ca.gov. The state explains that these guidance documents must be reviewed by each affected business (or other group or entity) and incorporated into a site-specific plan. Such plans are binding and enforceable. Further, all businesses and other authorized activities taking place in a particular location (for example, worship services in churches) shall complete in good faith and at all times adhere to applicable measures set forth in a completed Social Distancing Protocol worksheet provided by the County, available at www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-roadmap or <https://www.yolocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=64180>. A copy of the completed worksheet shall be posted at the entry (or similar prominent location) of each facility.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Order preserves the authority of the Health Officer to issue amended or additional orders pursuant to, and consistent with all limitations in, California law. All materials that contain protocol described as mandatory, enforceable, required, or other similar terms indicating an expectation of compliance will be considered orders of the Health Officer issued pursuant to California law on the basis of the findings set forth in this Order. Such materials will be posted online at www.yolocounty.org and www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-roadmap upon their approval by the Health Officer. These materials may be updated from time to time, and all such materials are incorporated herein by this reference.

7. The Health Officer may also issue non-binding guidance or other materials from time-to-time in support of the effort to minimize COVID-19 spread, promote public health, and support community awareness of the practices included in Attachment A. When deemed appropriate by the Health Officer, such materials will be posted online at www.yolocounty.org and www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-roadmap. These materials may be updated as needed. Unless designed as orders or otherwise binding and enforceable, these materials are intended as general guidance only.

8. This Order is issued based on evidence of continued occurrence of COVID-19 within the County, the Sacramento region, and the United States of America, and considers scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the

transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically. With the virus that causes COVID-19, people can be infected and contagious and not have any symptoms, meaning they are asymptomatic. People can also be infected and contagious 48 hours before developing symptoms (presymptomatic). Further many people with the COVID-19 virus have mild symptoms and do not recognize they are infected and contagious, and they can unintentionally infect others.

9. In addition to reasons set forth above, this Order is also issued in light of the existence, as of May 27, 2020, of 205 confirmed cases of infection by the COVID-19 virus in the County, including a significant number of suspected cases of community transmission, and 22 deaths. This Order is necessary to continue to maintain a low rate of community spread and to reinforce the need for safe interactions as the State allows additional activities. The Health Officer will continue to assess the public health situation as it evolves and may modify this Order, or issue additional Orders, related to COVID-19, as changing circumstances dictate.

10. This Order is also issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the following authorities:

- The March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Newsom
- The March 6, 2020 Proclamation by the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency in the County
- the March 6, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) issued by the Health Officer,
- The March 9, 2020 Resolution of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Ratifying the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency and Proclamation of Local Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus
- The March 12, 2020 Executive Order (Executive Order N-25-20) issued by Governor Newsom
- The March 18, 2020 Shelter in Place Order issued by the County Health Officer (referred to herein as the Local Shelter Order)
- The March 19, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order (the “State Shelter Order”) setting baseline statewide restrictions on non-residential business activities, and Executive Order N-33-20, directing California residents to follow the State Shelter Order
- The May 7, 2020 order of the State Public Health Officer regarding a phased reopening of sectors of the state economy
- All material posted to the COVID19.CA.GOV webpage that is clearly intended as a binding directive by the state
- Guidance issued by the CDPH and CDC, as each of them have been and may be supplemented over time

11. All State orders are complementary to this Order and any other orders, including the Face Covering Order, issued by the local Health Officer. Where a conflict exists between a local order and any state public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the most restrictive provision controls pursuant to, and consistent with, California Health and Safety Code

§ 131080 and the Health Officer Practice Guide for Communicable Disease Control in California, unless the State Health Officer issues an order that expressly determines a provision of a local public health order is a menace to public health.

12. Pursuant to Government Code §§ 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code § 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all 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 menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

13. This Order shall become effective immediately upon issuance. It will continue to be in effect until rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

14. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Administration Building at 625 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695; (2) posted on the County website (www.yolocounty.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

15. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, 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:



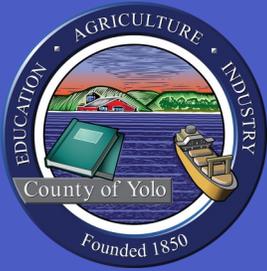
Ron Chapman, MD, MPH
Health Officer of the County of Yolo

Dated: May 28, 2020

Attachments:

A. Personal Health and Safety and High-Risk Populations Guidance

ATTACHMENT A



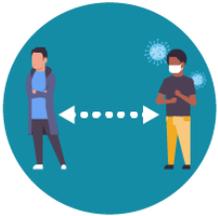
PERSONAL HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDANCE

WEAR A FACE COVERING THAT:



- Fits snugly but comfortably against the side of the face.
 - Is secured with ties or ear loops and includes multiple layers of fabric.
 - Allows for breathing without restriction.
 - Is launderable & machine dried as needed without damage or change to its shape.
- ** Face coverings are mandatory in Yolo County until further notice.**

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING BY:



- Maintaining 6 feet of distance from others.
- Not gathering in groups unless allowed to by the state or local order.
- Staying out of crowded places and avoiding mass gatherings.
- Limiting contact with others outside your household in outdoor and indoor spaces.
- Connecting through calls, texts, video chat or social media instead of in-person.

ADHERE TO GOOD HYGIENE HABITS LIKE:



- Wiping down high touch surfaces with disinfecting wipes.
- Not touching your eyes, nose, mouth or face with unwashed hands.
- Washing hands frequently or using hand sanitizer when handwashing is not practical.
- Sneezing/Coughing into your elbow or a tissue and disposing the tissue properly.
- Not going to work when sick.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.

Everyone should wear a face coverings in accordance with the Health Order AND adhere to the 6 ft of social distancing until further notice. High-risk populations should stay home until Stage 4.

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE.

Reinforce good hygiene practices with well-stocked homes and work spaces that have soap and/or anti-viral cleaning supplies. No-touch garbage and recycling receptacles are preferable.

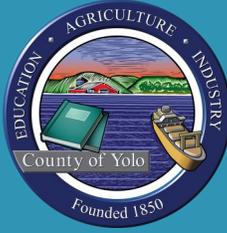
Door handles and commonly touched surfaces should be disinfected throughout the day.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

We're all in this together.

Good health depends on a safe and clean environment.

We all have a responsibility to our families and communities to practice good cleaning and health protocols.



COVID-19 Guidelines: High-Risk Populations

As the State and County allow more businesses and activities to resume, higher risk individuals need to continue to stay home until Stage 4.

Who's Considered High Risk?



People over 65 years of age

Those who live in an nursing home or long-term care facility



People of all ages with serious medical conditions, such as:

- Chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- Serious heart conditions
- Immunocompromised
- Severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- Diabetes
- Chronic kidney disease
- Liver disease



Important Recommendations



Continue to stay home as much as possible, only go out for essential services, doctor's appointments, etc.

Minimize errands by getting groceries delivered or asking for help from friends, family, or community members.



Continue to wash hands with soap and water and keep space (6 feet) between you and other people.

Develop a care plan summarizing your health conditions, medications, healthcare providers, emergency contacts and end-of-care options.



Wear a face covering, if allowed by your healthcare provider, when you go outside.