ORDER OF THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

DIRECTING

ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THE COUNTY TO STAY AT HOME OR AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND RESTRICITNG ACTIVITIES IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK, WITH EXCEPTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS, AS SPECIFIED

DATE OF ORDER: June 2, 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.)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101470, 101475, 101085, 120175, 120200, 120210 AND 120215 THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN (“HEALTH OFFICER”) AND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8634 AND SAN JOAQUIN ORDINANCE CODE SECTION 4-3005, THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER and DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN ORDERS:

1. This Order repeals and replaces the order issued by the Director of Emergency Services and the Public Health Officer on May 8, 2020. All sections of this order are binding on all businesses and individuals in San Joaquin County.

2. Definitions.

   a. For purposes of this Order, “State Health Order” means an order issued by the California State Public Health Officer.

   b. For purposes of this Order, “Local Health Order” means an order issued by the San Joaquin County Public Health Officer.

   c. For purposes of this Order, “State Guidance” means specific industry and economic sector Guidance created by the State indicating measures to be taken by businesses to create a safer environment for workers and reduce the risk of exposure to and spread of the COVID-19 virus among employees and customers.
d. For purposes of this Order “Business” or “Businesses” means all for-profit, non-profit, or educational enterprises, regardless of the nature of the service, the function they perform, or its corporate or entity structure.

3. On May 29, 2020, Governor Newsom began moving the State into Stage 3 of modifying the State’s Stay-at-Home order. Governor Newsom stated that the State would issue Guidance for additional sectors of the economy, and the counties guided by the County Health Officer and elected officials have the authority to determine when to implement such State Guidance.

4. The County Public Health Officer will issue Local Health Orders authorizing businesses to implement the State Guidance only after considering the availability of local health resources and the prevalence of COVID-19 within San Joaquin County, and determining that the implementation of the Guidance does not create an unacceptable threat to public health. No business or activity may be operated or engaged in unless the County Public Health Officer has issued a Local Health Order authorizing it.

5. All individuals currently living within the County of San Joaquin (the “County”) are ordered to stay at home or place of residence. To the extent individuals leave their homes or places of residence to engage in the Permitted Activities, as defined in Section 13, they must at all times implement Social Distancing Requirements, including maintaining at least six-foot distance from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands. The use of face-coverings is strongly recommended.

6. Individuals experiencing homelessness are strongly urged to obtain shelter. Persons experiencing homelessness that are unable to locate shelter should refrain from being in encampments of more than 10 people, and governmental and other entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent practicable (and to utilize Social Distancing Requirements in their operation).

7. There continue to be infections and deaths at a rate in San Joaquin County that necessitate a firm and carefully planned and managed response as the California economy is reopened. Notwithstanding the State’s success in slowing the spread of COVID-19, the current number of cases in San Joaquin County is now at 982 and the total number of deaths is at 35 as of Tuesday, June 2, 2020. There continue to be infections and deaths at a rate in San Joaquin County that necessitate careful and thoughtful adherence to the State’s Pandemic Roadmap for reopening the economy, which has been set in stages based on the risk level of resuming various activities.

8. From a public health perspective, the high percentage of pre-symptomatic
spread, in conjunction with the communal nature of many activities, supports the need to adhere to State Guidance and to be cautious in reopening additional sectors of the economy.

9. Because even people without symptoms can transmit the disease, and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, public activities can result in preventable transmission of the virus. The scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to continue to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed. While the evidence in San Joaquin County suggests that the individual efforts taken to date are reducing the transmission rate, it is imperative that everyone continues to abide by the Social Distancing Requirements and by the State Guidance.

10. All businesses with a facility or job site in the County, that are allowed to operate under any State Public Health order or Local Health Order, are directed to maximize the number of employees who work from home. All businesses operating within the County shall implement State issued Guidance and Social Distancing Protocols as specified in Section 14 below, except Outdoor Sports Facilities that shall implement the Outdoor Sports Facility Social Distancing Plan attached as Exhibit B.

11. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes as expressly permitted in Section 12, or as authorized in any subsequent Local Health Order. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

Travel is permitted for urgent matters or if such travel is essential to your permitted work. Non-essential travel for vacations or pleasure should be avoided.

12. Exemptions.

a. For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to engage in the Approved Activities identified below. However, people who are at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick, are urged to stay at home or place of residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care.

i. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies they need to work from home.
ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.

iii. To engage in outdoor activities including but not limited to, those activities identified in Exhibit A, provided the individuals comply with all applicable Social Distancing Requirements. Do not use playground equipment.

iv. To perform any of the activities approved by the State in the Critical Infrastructure Worker. (https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf)

v. To operate or engage with a business permitted under any previously issued State Public Health Order or Local Health Order, and in a manner consistent with any State Guidance, including:

1. Auto dealerships
2. Barbershops and Hair Salons
3. Child Care
4. Limited personal services
5. Office workplaces
6. Outdoor museums
7. Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies
8. Real Estate
9. Restaurants
10. Retail and related logistics and manufacturing

*This list may be modified by subsequently issued Local Health Orders.
** A complete description of these sectors and State Guidance can be found at https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/ and https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/#track-data for dine-in restaurants and hair salons and barbershops.

vi. To perform Minimum Basic Operations at a business that are not permitted to be open to the public. For the purposes of this Order, “Minimum Basic Operations” means the following activities for businesses:
1. The minimum necessary activities to maintain and protect the value of the business’s inventory and facilities; ensure security, safety, and sanitation; process payroll and employee benefits; provide for the delivery of existing inventory directly to residences or businesses; and related functions.

2. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate owners, employees, and contractors of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences, and to ensure that the business can deliver its service remotely.

3. All businesses carrying out Minimum Basic Operations shall prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol at each facility or job site at which they are maintaining operations, as specified in Section 13.

vii. To care for a family member or pet in another household.

b. For the purposes of this Order, travel is only permitted for the following reasons. Individuals must comply with all Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section below while traveling.

i. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Approved Activities.

ii. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.

iii. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services.

iv. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction.

v. Travel required by law enforcement or court order.

vi. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the County. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the County remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel.

c. For purposes of this Order, residences include hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities.


a. All businesses allowed to operate in San Joaquin County pursuant to a

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State Health Order or Local Health Order shall, to the fullest extent possible, implement the industry specific State Guidance, including the wearing of face-coverings, if required by the State Guidance.

b. All businesses must prepare and post a “Social Distancing Protocol” implementing the State Guidance for each of their facilities in the County frequented by the public or employees. If industry specific Guidance or checklists are not available, businesses must implement the Protocol set forth in c. below.

c. The Social Distancing Protocol must be substantially in the form attached to this Order as Appendix A. The Social Distancing Protocol must be posted at or near the entrance of the facility/job site, and shall be easily viewable by the public and employees. A copy of the Social Distancing Protocol must also be provided to each employee performing work at the facility/job site. All businesses performing any level of permitted operations shall implement the Social Distancing Protocol and provide evidence of its implementation to any authority enforcing this Order upon demand. The Social Distancing Protocol must explain how the business is achieving the following, as applicable:

i. Limiting the number of people who can enter the facility/job site at any one time to ensure that people in the facility/job site can easily maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another at all times, except as required to complete the business activity;

ii. Excluding the public, except where permitted under any State or Local Health Order;

iii. Where lines may form at a facility/job site, marking six-foot increments at a minimum, establishing where individuals should stand to maintain adequate social distancing;

iv. Providing hand sanitizer, soap and water, or effective disinfectant at or near the entrance of the facility/job site and in other appropriate areas for use by the public and employees, and in locations where there is high-frequency employee interaction with members of the public (e.g., cashiers);

v. Providing for contactless payment systems or, if not feasible to do so, disinfecting all payment portals, pens, and styluses after each use;

vi. Regularly disinfecting other high-touch surfaces;

vii. Posting a sign at the entrance of the facility/job site informing all employees and customers that they should: avoid entering the
facility/job site if they have a cough or fever; maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another; sneeze and cough into one’s elbow; not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact; and

viii. Any additional social distancing measures being implemented by the State or under a local health order (see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s guidance at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html).

14. Golf Courses: All public and private golf courses may open for limited operations provided that the courses fully implement the Protocols contained in Exhibit B. Golf facilities that are licensed to, and elect to serve food for pick-up or delivery, shall prepare, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol at each facility where food is served, as specified in Section 12. Social distancing shall be required for persons.

15. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 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 to public health. Consistent with the views expressed by the Governor and after consulting with the San Joaquin County Sheriff, the Director and Public Health Officer believe that enforcement through education is preferable but recognize that other means of enforcement may be necessary, as deemed appropriate by the law enforcement agency.

16. This Order is issued in accordance with the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, and Executive orders N-25-20, N-33-20, and N-60-20; the Public Health orders of the State Public Health Officer of March 19, 2020 and May 7, 2020; the Declaration of Local Health Emergency issued by the Health Officer on March 12, 2020, and the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Joaquin Ratifying the Declarations of Local Health Emergency; and the orders of the County Public Health Officer of March 21, March 26, April 14, April 24 and May 8, 2020.

17. This Order shall become effective at 5:00 p.m., on June 2, 2020, and will continue to be in effect until the Health Officer rescinds it in writing.

18. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Administration Building at 44 N. San Joaquin, Stockton 95202, First Floor; (2) posted on the San Joaquin County Home page (sjgov.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
If any provision of this Order or the application thereof 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:

Maggie Park, M.D.
San Joaquin County
Public Health Officer

Marcia Cunningham,
Director of Emergency Services of the County of San Joaquin

Dated: June 02, 2020

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