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SUBJECT: **REVISED** Order of the Public Health Officer Implementing the County's State-approved Variance

Del Norte County, by Declaration dated March 17, 2020 and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 20, 2020, declared a Local Health Emergency in Del Norte County to help ensure adequate capacity to address the imminent threat of a community transmission phase of COVID-19 to citizens of Del Norte County.

Further, the Governor of the State of California declared a State of Emergency for the entire state on March 4, 2020 finding that COVID-19 has created a threat to public health and safety, and the President of the United States signed a proclamation declaring a national emergency concerning the COVID -19 outbreak on March 13, 2020.

On March 19, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-33-20, which directed all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors.

On May 7, 2020, the State Health Officer modified the stay home order to allow local health jurisdictions to begin gradual movement into the second stage of the State's four-stage plan to reopen the State. The State is progressively designating sectors that may reopen, with corresponding guidance for each sector. Local health jurisdictions may move through Stage 2 more quickly if they meet certain criteria.

To the extent that a particular sector is re-opened, Californians may leave their homes to work at, patronize, or otherwise engage with those businesses, establishments, and activities and must, when they do so, continue at all times to practice physical distancing, minimize their time out outside the home, and wash their hands frequently.

On May 15, 2020, Del Norte County's plan to move through Stage 2 was approved by the State. In order to implement that plan, the Public Health Officer makes the following orders:

1. Except those workers employed in essential sectors, as defined by N-33-20, all persons age 65 or older, and those under the age of 65 who have elevated risk, should continue to shelter in place. Information about what constitutes “elevated risk” can be found at:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/PublicHealthGuidanceSelfIsolationforOlderAdultsandThoseWhoHaveElevatedRisk.aspx>
2. Every business that opens must follow all sector-specific guidance, which may be found at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>
3. Prior to opening, every business must complete and submit a COVID-19 Operations Plan form, suitable for the business type, which may be found at: <http://www.co.del-norte.ca.us/departments/health-human-services/public-health/public-health-programs/communicable-diseases/novel-coronavirus/roadmap-to-recovery>
 - a. A business that has submitted its COVID-19 Operations Plan may “self-certify” that it is ready to open, and open its location pending approval by the Public Health Department. A self-certified business must place the Self-Certification Window Placard in its window. The Self-Certification Window Placard may be found at: <http://www.co.del-norte.ca.us/departments/health-human-services/public-health/public-health-programs/communicable-diseases/novel-coronavirus/roadmap-to-recovery>
 - b. After Public Health has reviewed the COVID-19 Operations Plan and has approved, the business will be contacted by Public Health or by a representative of Public Health. It is unknown at this point how long the review process will take. A certificate will be given to the business, stating that the business’s COVID-19 Operations Plan has been approved and that the location is certified to open and has met all current requirements of COVID-19 transmission mitigation.
4. Businesses may self-certify to reopen upon submitting the COVID-19 Operations Plan as follows:
 - a. Retail
 - b. Manufacturing
 - c. Offices
 - d. Child care
 - e. Dine-in restaurants
 - f. Hair salons and barbershops
 - g. Casinos
 - h. Hotels may open at full occupancy. However, all hotels must maintain at least one room unbooked for every 30 rooms in the hotel, which must be available on an emergency basis should a guest become ill with COVID-19 and require continued temporary housing.
 - i. Vacation rentals
 - j. Campgrounds
 - k. RV Parks
 - l. Healthcare
 - m. Aquariums

- n. Outdoor Recreation
 - o. Expanded Personal Care Services, as defined in:
<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/expanded-personal-services.pdf>
 - p. Museums and Galleries
 - q. Family Entertainment
 - r. Limited services at fitness centers and like facilities (e.g. martial arts, yoga, dance studios). Classes related to fitness activities may resume with the following restrictions: no more than 10 individuals per class; cohort classes only (no add-on, or walk-on participation); social distancing at all times as well as wearing of face coverings; no physical contact with or between participants; no shared equipment; and proper hygiene and sanitation as per CDPH Guidance regarding Fitness centers, see <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-fitness.pdf>
5. All essential business and government entities that have been operating without submitting plans pursuant to paragraph 3, must submit a plan by July 24, 2020.
 6. All other prior orders not in conflict with the order shall remain in effect.

This Order may be modified, rescinded or extended by authority of the County Public Health Officer in consultation with the County of Del Norte.



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