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Frequently Asked Questions

Effective March 19, 2020

What is a health order? It is official action authorized by the health and safety code taken by the local health officer to control the spread of a communicable disease.

Do these orders affect everyone in Madera County? Yes. This includes the cities of Madera and Chowchilla, as well as the unincorporated communities of Ahwahnee, Bass Lake, Coarsegold, Fairmead, Madera Ranchos, North Fork, Oakhurst, and Raymond.

How long are the health orders in effect? Effective immediately beginning March 19, 2020 through April 30, 2020.

What will be done to ensure people are following these orders? If community members are violating the orders and law enforcement is notified, we will seek voluntary compliance of the orders. Ongoing violation of the orders is considered a misdemeanor. Both civil and criminal enforcement actions are permitted under the Health and Safety Code.

Can the orders be extended? The current order is effective until April 30, 2020 and may be extended.

Large Scale Events Order

What does the Large Scale Events Health Order mean? Events and gatherings with 50 or more participants must be canceled or postponed. Events with 50 or





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less participants that cannot maintain 6 feet of social distancing must be canceled or postponed. Events of 10 or less participants that are over the age of 65 or that have health issues must be canceled.

What prompted this order? This order is aligned with the recommendations set by the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Furthermore, there are two new confirmed cases of community transmission (as of 3/19/2020) in Madera County. By issuing this order we can greatly prevent the spread of disease.

What is community transmission? A confirmed case were the patient has had no contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case or travel history to an infected area.

I have an event, do I have to cancel? Event organizers are responsible for cancelling events and mass gatherings as per the directive of the Health Order until April 30, 2020.

Which businesses will be closed?

- Bars, wineries, breweries, and pubs
- Gyms and health clubs
- Theatres

How is food service affected? All retail and food service will only be open for drive thru or pick up delivery services.

How does this affect working individuals? If you have work at one of the locations that have been closed we recommend contacting your employer for guidance.





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Febrile Respiratory Illness Order

What does Febrile Health Order mean? This order mandates -

- Health Care Providers, to send daily report to the MCDPH the number of patients with febrile respiratory illness
- Employers, on a daily basis, screen all employees for febrile respiratory illness
- Residents, on a daily basis, to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19

What is Febrile Respiratory Illness? A new or worsening episode of either cough or shortness of breath, with fever of 100.4F or higher or chills in the previous 24 hours.

What is the difference between Isolation and Quarantine?

- Isolation: separation of sick people from non-sick people
- Quarantine: separation and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick

