



## **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: March 16, 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 12, 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 This Order **shall become effective immediately** and will continue to be in effect until it is rescinded or amended in writing by the Health Officer.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. On November 13, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued updated guidance for private gatherings (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-for-the-Prevention-of-COVID-19-Transmission-for-Gatherings-November-2020.aspx>). Due to the increased risk of transmission and spread of COVID-19 when people from different households and communities mix, Sacramento County Public Health continues to discourage social gatherings. People who choose to attend gatherings should adhere to the CDPH guidance and limit the size to three households or less as well as take other precautionary measures as outlined in the guidance.
3. 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 based on a tiered system corresponding to specific indicators of COVID-19 disease burden. According to this system, Sacramento County met the criteria for **Red**

**Tier 2 (substantial)** on March 16, 2021 and is subject to all State of California restrictions and guidance for **Red Tier 2**.

4. In alignment with **Red Tier 2**, the following sectors are permitted for **OUTDOOR operations only** until further notice. These sectors must still maintain mitigation measures (social distancing, face covering, and sanitization):
  - a. Cardrooms, satellite wagering
  - b. Family Entertainment Centers (e.g. bowling alleys, miniature golf, batting cages, kart racing, skating rinks, and arcades)
  - c. Playgrounds, dog parks, skate parks, and recreational facilities
  - d. Wineries, breweries, and distilleries (with reservations, 90 minute time limit, table seating, onsite consumption closed by 8pm)

Bars and pubs may operate indoors (maximum 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer) if they are offering sit-down meals.

5. In alignment with **Red Tier 2**, the following sectors are open for **INDOOR operations**. These sectors must still maintain mitigation measures (social distancing, face covering, and sanitization) and specific modifications in parenthesis below:
  - a. All retail (maximum 50% capacity; grocery stores 100% capacity)
  - b. Critical infrastructure (<https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/>)
  - c. Entertainment production, studios, broadcast
  - d. Gyms and fitness centers (maximum 10% capacity + climbing walls)
  - e. Hair salons and barbershops
  - f. Hotels and lodging (fitness centers maximum 10% capacity)
  - g. Libraries (maximum 50% capacity)
  - h. Movie theaters (maximum 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
  - i. Museums, zoos, aquariums (indoor activities maximum 25% capacity)
  - j. Nail salons and electrolysis operations
  - k. Personal care services (e.g. body waxing, estheticians, tattoo, massage)
  - l. Places of worship (maximum 25% capacity)
  - m. Professional sports (without live audiences)
  - n. Restaurants (maximum 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
  - o. Shopping centers (e.g. malls, destination centers, swap meets) (maximum 50% capacity; closed common areas; food courts)

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6. In alignment with **Red Tier 2**, bars and pubs are prohibited from operating with the exception of those serving sit-down meals.
7. In alignment with CDPH requirements (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Schools-FAQ.aspx>), schools (all grade levels) may reopen for in-person instruction after publicly posting their COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Schools conducting in-person instruction must maintain mitigation measures, including social distancing, face coverings, and sanitization, in compliance with schools guidance from CDPH ([https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Consolidated\\_Schools\\_Guidance.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Consolidated_Schools_Guidance.pdf)) and Sacramento County Public Health ([https://www.saccounty.net/COVID-19/Pages/ChildCare\\_Schools\\_Colleges.aspx](https://www.saccounty.net/COVID-19/Pages/ChildCare_Schools_Colleges.aspx)).

8. All organized youth and adult recreation sports, including school- and community-sponsored programs, and privately-organized clubs and leagues must abide by youth and adult sports guidance from CDPH (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/outdoor-indoor-recreational-sports.aspx>) and Sacramento County Public Health (<https://emd.saccounty.net/EMD-COVID-19-Information/Documents/COVID-19%20Guidance%20for%20Youth%20Sport%20Conditioning.pdf>). Low-contact, moderate-contact, and high-contact sports are permitted with adherence to the specific mitigation measures and requirements described in the aforementioned sports guidance. Inter-team competitions are permitted for allowable sports. Tournaments or competitions involving more than two teams are prohibited.
9. On November 16, 2020, the California Department of Public Health updated their face covering mandate (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>), which requires all people in California to wear face coverings when they are outside of the home, with specific exemptions. A growing body of scientific research has shown that people with no or few symptoms of COVID-19 can still spread the disease and that the use of face coverings, combined with physical distancing and frequent hand washing, will reduce the spread of COVID-19. As part of

this Order the Sacramento County Health Officer continues to align the County face covering Order with the State mandate.

10. 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.

11. 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.
12. **Copies of Order.** 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.
13. **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:**

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Dated: March 16, 2021