

MASS ISOLATION ORDER OF THE YOLO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

DATE OF ORDER: July 24, 2020

AMENDED ON: October 27, 2020; January 4, 2022; January 11, 2022

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of, or failure to comply with, this Order is a public nuisance subject to citation, abatement, or both, as well as a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Government Code §§ 8634 and 8665; California Health and Safety Code §§ 120155, 120220, 120275, 120295; California Penal Code §§ 69 148(a)(1)); Executive Orders 25-20 and 60-20.)

SUMMARY OF THIS ORDER

California and Yolo County are in a State of Emergency because of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic. To help slow COVID-19's spread, protect vulnerable individuals, and prevent the healthcare system in the County from being overwhelmed, it is necessary for the County Health Officer to isolate persons with COVID-19. Isolation separates individuals who have COVID-19 from others until it is determined that they have completed the isolation period, as defined herein, and are no longer at risk for spreading the disease to others.

The January 11, 2022 amendment to this Order responds to changes in California Department of Public Health (CDPH) isolation and quarantine guidance. CDPH updated its guidance on January 6, 2022, to modify requirements applicable in workplace settings and make other changes to its previous guidance. Those changes are integrated into this Order, which adopts all CDPH isolation recommendations as they may be amended from time to time.

This Order is issued based on evidence of continued occurrence and, more recently, a significant increase in the spread of COVID-19 within Yolo County, the Sacramento region, and the State of California, and considers scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID19 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 (pre-symptomatic). 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.

In addition to reasons set forth above, this Order is also issued in light of the existence, as of January 7, 2022, of 23,298 confirmed cases of infection by the COVID-19 virus in the County, and 266 deaths. This Order is necessary to control and reduce the 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.

ORDER

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. All individuals who have COVID-19, as described in Section 2 of this Order, must isolate themselves and follow all instructions in applicable CDPH guidance documents, as may be amended from time to time. With the exception of provisions of the second bullet below, relating to health care settings, this Order does not impose any requirements that exceed the terms of applicable CDPH guidance. The most commonly applicable CDPH guidance documents include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public. As of January 10, 2022, the current CDPH guidance is available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Isolation-and-Quarantine-for-COVID-19-Contact-Tracing.aspx>
- CDPH All Facilities Letter (AFL) 21-08, for workers in certain health care facilities. **By this Order, this AFL is applicable to all health care settings.** As of January 10, 2022, the current AFL is available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-08.aspx>.
- CDPH COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year, for all students and staff at K-12 schools. As of January 10, 2022, the current guidance is available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>.
- CDPH AFL 20-53.5, for residents of skilled nursing facilities. As of January 10, 2022, the current AFL is available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-53.aspx>.

2. The Health Officer may take additional action(s), which may include civil detention or requiring one to stay at a health facility or other location, to protect the public’s health if an individual who is subject to this Order violates or fails to comply with this Order.

3. This Order shall become effective immediately upon its issuance and will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

4. All State orders are complementary to this Order. 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, 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.

5. 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 pursuant to Section 120275 of the Health & Safety Code is punishable as a misdemeanor by fine, imprisonment, or both. Other administrative and judicial remedies are also available.**

6. 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.

7. 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:



Dated: January 11, 2022

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Health Officer of the County of Yolo