



Lassen COVID-19: Incident Command



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SUBJECT: Termination of Local Health Order and Return to Phase 2B, with Allowance for Additional Activities to Reopen

To date, the Lassen County COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) total tests are as follows:

5– Known cases
597 - Negative
308- Pending
910– Total Tests

The Lassen County Incident Command and the Lassen County Public Health Department would like to thank the residents of Lassen County for their compliance with the temporary health order and the continuance of practicing social and physical distancing, washing hands, and avoiding non-essential travel.

In response to “contact tracing investigations,” Dr. Kenneth Korver, Lassen County Public Health Officer, has terminated his order from earlier this week which originally called for a temporary return to Phase 2A for reopening. This termination returns Lassen County to Phase 2B with an additional guidance for salons and bars, as well as places of worship. Please refer to the attached order from Dr. Korver for additional details.

California Department of Public Health released new guidance for salons, bars, and places of worship. These businesses have been deemed a higher risk because of their potential for close personal contact. The Lassen County Incident Command and the Lassen County Public Health Department have provided safety guidelines and recommendations for these businesses within the Lassen County Roadmap to Recovery and at www.lassencares.org. For those businesses wishing to open under these new guidelines, please complete the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lcreopening> and/or contact the COVID-19 Call Center with any questions or concerns at (530) 251-8100 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19

Reopening Lassen County Roadmap to Recovery Accelerated Stage 2 Businesses and Services

Date Order Issued: May 28, 2020

This Order is in effect until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.

Please read this Order carefully. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a restriction of business services and organizational activities throughout Lassen County. In addition, violation of or failure to comply with this Order constitutes a misdemeanor, punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both (California Health and Safety Code § 120295, et seq.)

The virus that causes Coronavirus 2019 Disease ("COVID-19") spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to safeguard the public and protect healthcare resources considering the influx of new patients.

On Friday, May 22, 2020, Lassen County Public Health Department reported two cases of confirmed COVID-19; this rapidly increased to a total of five cases within three days. In an effort to better understand the magnitude of the transmission of this disease in Lassen County, I made the difficult decision to restrict activities in Lassen County including the retraction of business services that we had just recently approved, including dine-in restaurant services and in-store shopping at businesses.

The increase in number of positive Covid-19 cases from 2 to 5 in a relatively short time, coupled with the somewhat alarming reports of irresponsible behavior (failure to social distance, failure to employ good personal sanitation practices, etc.) of persons who in fact tested positive caused me to make the difficult decision to, at least

temporarily, return to Stage 2 (closed retail, no dine-in restaurants, etc.) until I could determine the magnitude of spread of the disease in Lassen County.

After evaluating the data that has been collected from our contact tracing investigations, I have concluded that Lassen County has the ability and capacity to rapidly implement strategies to mitigate further transmission of the disease should a future outbreak occur. However, for us to proceed to the next stages of full opening, we will require all Lassen County residents and visitors to remain diligent in practicing social distancing, good personal hygiene, and staying home when you are sick.

Effective immediately, Lassen County will now re-enter the accelerated Stage 2 of our Roadmap to Recovery. This will allow the following sectors and organizations to resume business:

- In-Store Retail
- Dine-in Restaurants
- Offices (when telework not possible)
- Outdoor Museums
- Places of Worship (NEW)
- Hair Salons and Barbershops (NEW)

All sectors are required to review the appropriate guidance, prepare a plan, and receive approval from Lassen County Public Health prior to opening. It is not necessary for those establishments that have already received approval to resubmit their plans.

This order supersedes the May 25, 2020 Retracting Lassen County Roadmap to Recovery Reopening order.



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Lassen County Public Health Officer

For more information on Lassen County Health Officer Orders, Lassen County Roadmap to Recovery and Lassen County Attestation visit <https://lassencares.org/>
California Recovery Roadmap <https://input.covid19.ca.gov/>
CDPH COVID-19 information <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Resources.aspx>