



# LASSEN COUNTY

**Kenneth G Korver, M.D. Public Health Officer**

HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19

## Retracting Lassen County Roadmap to Recovery Reopening

Date Order Issued: May 26, 2020

This Order is in effect for 7 days or until rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.

Lassen County citizens are to be commended for their efforts at keeping the Coronavirus (COVID-19) out of Lassen County during this worldwide pandemic.

Up until Friday, May 22, 2020, Lassen County had no confirmed COVID-19 cases since March 4, 2020, when the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of COVID-19.

On March 19, 2020, by Order of the State Public Health Officer, all individuals living in California were to stay at home and all businesses were closed down by the State of California except for the 16 critical infrastructure sectors.

On April 28, 2020, the Governor of California released a California Recovery Roadmap, outlining four stages of re-opening California businesses. Stage 1 focused on safety and preparedness. Stage 2 involves gradually re-opening some lower risk workplaces with adaptations including retail (e.g. curbside pickup), manufacturing, offices (when telework not possible), and more public spaces. On May 5, 2020, Lassen County submitted a Lassen County Roadmap to Recovery plan that outlined the measures we would take to be able to reopen businesses in Lassen County while monitoring the prevalence of COVID-19 activity throughout the County.

On May 7, 2020, the Governor and State Public Health Officer introduced a Stage 2 *Variance* option to those counties who could attest to additional mitigation strategies to prevent and contain the transmission of COVID-19. Under this option, counties could open

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retail stores, including shopping malls and swap meets, and dine-in restaurants. On May 11, 2020, Lassen County was approved for Stage 2 Variance services. We expanded business openings based on the fact that we had no confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in Lassen County and that businesses completed a business readiness survey indicating their plans to reopen safely. Some of the prevention interventions included but not limited to staff training, social distancing, enhanced sanitization, and not allowing sick employees or patrons to enter the place of business.

In addition to the reopening option, the Lassen County Roadmap to Recovery and the County Attestation include plans to retract services should we experience a surge in positive COVID-19 cases.

While Lassen County had no COVID-19 confirmed cases for the past three months, we were fully aware of the risk that the virus could come to our community from people visiting people living in infected areas outside of our county or people visiting our County. Unfortunately, this did happen and we now have a serious problem. We need to contain the spread of the virus in Lassen County now.

Regrettably, I am ordering that we temporarily retract our accelerated reopening of businesses and services across Lassen County back to Stage 2 without the approved Variance option until we can fully understand the magnitude of COVID-19 in Lassen County.

Restricted services include:

- Restaurant delivery and curbside pick-up only. No dine-in service at this time.
- No instore retail services, curbside pick-up only
- No salon services
- No places of worship services at this time

We are asking that individuals, businesses and organizations:

- Stay home if you or your employees are sick
- Maintain physical distancing of 6 ft.
- Conduct regular sanitization of all contact surface
- Wash hands regularly
- Wearing face coverings is highly recommended.

We are currently conducting contact tracing investigations, a strategy to identify the source of the virus and how many people may have been in contact with a person who is carrying the virus. To stop the spread of this virus, we need to test people who have been in contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19. People tested need to remain quarantined until we receive the results of their tests.

It is imperative that all individuals who have been told to self-quarantine follow the instructions provided to them. Individuals will be required to quarantine themselves for the entire 14-day COVID-19 incubation period, the typical time between exposure and when symptoms and signs of the disease may develop. Quarantined persons may not leave their place of quarantine or enter any other public or private place

during the period of quarantine, except to receive necessary medical care.

To stop community transmission of COVID-19, we need to determine the magnitude of COVID-19 within Lassen County and take measures to isolate COVID-19 positive individuals so that we can resume reopening businesses in Lassen County. It is my intention for this to be a very temporary situation.

  
Kenneth Korver, M.D.

May 26, 2020

Date

*Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295, et seq.)*

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  
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