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ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF AMADOR

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS ENTERING CERTAIN LICENSED FACILITIES AND OTHER AGENCIES WHO ARE NOT A PATIENT, EXISTING RESIDENT, OR NEW RESIDENT; TEMPERATURE SCREENING AND SELF-EVALUATION FOR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS; MASKING OF ALL STAFF WHILE IN FACILITY; AVOIDING STAFF WORKING IN MULTIPLE FACILITIES.

DATE OF ORDER: APRIL 8, 2020

Please read this Order carefully. 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.*)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF AMADOR (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

WHEREAS, a state of emergency has been declared by the State of California, and local emergencies have been declared in Amador County in response to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, in Amador County, as well as throughout California and the nation, there are insufficient quantities of critical healthcare infrastructure, including hospital beds, ventilators, and workers capable of adequately treating mass numbers of patients at a single time – should the virus spread unchecked; and

WHEREAS, in direct response to that lack of healthcare infrastructure, governments across the nation are taking actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in order to “flatten the curve” of infection and reduce the numbers of individuals infected at any one time by minimizing situations where the virus can spread; and

WHEREAS, limiting transmission of the disease can be accomplished through community mitigation measures that decrease the likelihood of being exposed to infected person. These measures include Stay at Home Orders and practicing social distancing. However, social distancing alone in certain Licensed Facilities and Other Agencies, defined as those listed in Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, may not be effective due to the concentration of individuals and the nature of the services provided;

WHEREAS, this Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials

throughout the United States and around the world, about the Symptoms that may be related to COVID-19, defined as those listed in Attachment B, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Amador County Health Officer issues the following orders, which will go into effect immediately, and will remain in effect within Amador County until April 30, 2020, or until extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer:

1. Temperature screening. All individuals entering the Licensed Facilities or Other Agencies, listed in Attachment A, such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and long term care facilities, submit to a temperature screening, by the least intrusive means possible, prior to entering these locations or commencing services in the community.
2. Self-evaluation. All individuals prior to entering, or providing services in the community, for the Licensed Facilities or Other Agencies, listed in Attachment A, are to self-evaluate for mild to moderate Symptoms related to COVID-19, listed in attachment B, or other respiratory illness, including sore throat, runny nose, fever, chills, not feeling well, sneezing and coughing, new onset of diminished ability to taste or smell, gastrointestinal symptoms such as diarrhea or stomach cramps.
3. Prohibition of entry. No individual shall enter, or provide services in the community, for a Licensed Facility or Other Agency, listed in Attachment A, if a temperature screening of the individual is 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater, or subjective fever (person feels like they are running a fever); or if through the self-evaluation described in Attachment B the individual identifies he or she has Symptoms.
4. All staff at facilities shall wear a medical facemask or surgical mask at all times while in the facility. If there are suspected or confirmed cases, staff shall wear an N-95 respirator, when available, while caring for suspected or confirmed case patients.
5. Facilities should avoid by any means possible utilizing employees who have worked at another facility.
6. This Order is intended to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure in certain Licensed Facilities and Other Agencies, and if applicable to the residents living in such Licensed Facilities or Other Agencies by prohibiting the entrance of individuals with Symptoms. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.
7. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 both within the local region and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.
8. This Order is issued because of the propensity of the virus to spread person-to-person and also because the virus physically is causing property loss or damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

9. 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.
10. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code sections 101029 and 120295, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Rita H. Kerr, M.D.
Health Officer of the County of Amador

Dated: April 8, 2020

Approved as to form and legality:



Gregory Gillott
Amador County Counsel

Dated: April 8, 2020

Attachment A

The Health Officer orders that all individuals entering the Licensed Entities or Other Agencies listed below submit to a temperature screening, by the least intrusive means as possible; and conduct a self-evaluation for COVID-19 symptoms, prior to entering these locations:

- Hospitals including General Acute Care
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Intermediate Care Facilities of all license types
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly
- Residential Facility Chronically Ill
- Continuing Care Retirement Communities
- Adult Residential Care Facilities (ARF) all license types

Attachment B

COVID-19 SELF-EVALUATION

An order of the Amador County Health Officer requires individuals to conduct a self-evaluation prior to entering certain Licensed Residential Facilities and prohibits you from entering if you have these symptoms:

Mild to Moderate Symptoms Related to or Other Respiratory Illness such as:

- Sore Throat
- Runny Nose
- Fever
- Chills
- Not Feeling Well
- Sneezing
- Coughing
- New onset of diminished ability to taste or smell

Gastro-Intestinal symptoms such as:

- Soft Stool
- Stomach Cramps

DO NOT ENTER THESE FACILITIES IF YOU HAVE THESE SYMPTOMS