

County of Imperial
Order of the Health Officer

Pursuant to sections 101040, 120175, and 120175.5(b) of the California Health and Safety Code, the Imperial County Health Officer (“Health Officer”) hereby supersedes the Amended Health Officer Order dated August 24, 2020. The Health Officer **ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2020 the Acting State Public Health Officer for the state of California (“State”) issued a [Statewide Public Health Officer Order](#) (“August 28th Order”), which goes into effect August 31, 2020, and supersede the July 13, 2020 State Public Health Officer Order; and

WHEREAS, the August 28th Order creates a new framework for the reopening of businesses under COVID-19, and has been designated California’s Plan for Reducing COVID-19 and Adjusting Permitted Sector Activities to Keep Californians Healthy and Safe, also referred to as the Blueprint for a Safer Economy; and

WHEREAS the Blueprint for a Safer Economy creates a new four-tiered system for reopening. Tiers are determined by examining the two metrics: (1) new cases per 100,000 population per day (7 day average; 7 day lag); and (2) testing percentage positivity (7 day average; 7 day lag); and

WHEREAS, the Blueprint for a Safer Economy replaces and supersedes the County Monitoring List developed by the State; and

WHEREAS, according to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, the County of Imperial (“County”) falls within Tier 1; and

WHEREAS, while the reopening criteria specified in Tier 1 of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy are similar to those previously set forth under the County Monitoring List, there are key differences that warrant the creation of a new Health Officer Order. Social distancing, face coverings, and other measures as provided for in this Order must be implemented to protect the health and safety of all residents and visitors of the County, and to ensure that the County does not experience a resurgence in COVID-19 positive cases.

THEREFORE, effective 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 31, 2020, and continuing until rescinded, the following will be in effect for the County of Imperial:

1. All residents of and visitors to the County are ordered to continue to stay home at their place of residence or shelter in place, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Residents and visitors may continue to maintain the continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors, and additional sectors as the State Public

Health Officer may designate as critical to protect health and well-being of all Californians, as further outlined in Executive Orders N-33-20 and N-60-20, and the list of [Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers](#) developed by the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”), as they may be amended or supplemented. Such operations shall be subject to additional State and local guidelines and restrictions, as further set forth in this Order.

- b. Residents and visitors may engage in those activities deemed permissible by CDPH, as may be amended or supplemented. Such activities shall be subject to additional State and local guidelines and restrictions, as further set forth in this Order.
 - c. Residents and visitors may engage in those activities deemed permissible under the State’s [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) – Tier 1, including all amendments or supplements thereto. Such activities shall be subject to additional State and local guidelines and restrictions, as further set forth in this Order.
2. All businesses, nonprofits, governmental agencies, and other entities (collectively, “Entities”) located within the County shall continue to remain closed, with the exception of the following:
- a. Those Entities identified as necessary to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors, and additional sectors as the State Public Health Officer may designate as critical to protect health and well-being of all Californians, as further outlined in Executive Orders N-33-20 and N-60-20, and the list of [Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers](#) developed by CDPH, as they may be amended or supplemented. Such operations shall be subject to additional State and local guidelines and restrictions, as further set forth this Order.
 - b. Those Entities otherwise permitted to reopen in accordance with the State’s [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) – Tier 1, including all amendments or supplements thereto. Entities permitted to reopen under the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) shall be subject to additional State and local guidelines and restrictions, as further set forth in this Order.
3. In accordance with the State’s [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) – Tier 1, and the [Industry Guidance to Reduce Risk](#) developed by CDPH, as they may be amended or supplemented, residents, visitors, and Entities of the County shall adhere to the following conditions:
- a. The following Entities and activities may reopen indoor and outdoor operations up to full capacity, unless otherwise restricted by this Order:
 - i. *Agriculture and Livestock*
 - (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Agriculture and Livestock](#).

- ii. Automobile Dealerships and Rentals.
 - (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Automobile Dealerships and Rentals.](#)
- iii. Childcare Programs and Providers.
 - (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Childcare Programs and Providers.](#)
 - (B) Must comply with the CDPH's guidance on [COVID-19 Case and Contact Management Within Child Care Facilities.](#)
 - (C) Must comply with the CDPH's [Guidance for Small Cohorts/Groups of Children and Youth.](#) Groups must be kept as small as possible, with no more than fourteen (14) children, and no more than two (2) supervising adults in a supervised environment. Children and supervising adults in one group must not physically interact with children and supervising adults in other groups, other facility staff, or parents of children in other groups.
- iv. Communications Infrastructure.
 - (A) Must adhere to the industry guidelines for [Communications Infrastructure.](#)
- v. Construction.
 - (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Construction.](#)
- vi. Day Camps.
 - (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Day Camps.](#)
 - (B) Must comply with the CDPH's Guidance for [Small Cohorts/Groups of Children and Youth.](#) Groups must be kept as small as possible, with no more than fourteen (14) children, and no more than two (2) supervising adults in a supervised environment. Children and supervising adults in one group must not physically interact with children and supervising adults in other groups, other facility staff, or parents of children in other groups.
- vii. Delivery Services.
 - (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Delivery Services.](#)

viii. Energy and Utilities.

(A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Energy Utilities](#).

ix. Essential Critical Infrastructure Sectors.

(A) Includes: (1) Banks and Credit Unions; (2) Doctors and Dentists; (3) Fire Stations; (4) Food Banks; (5) Government Services; (6) Hospitals and Urgent Cares; (7) Police Stations; (8) State and Local Government Offices.

(B) Any Entity that is included in one of the [Essential Critical Infrastructure Sectors](#) shall also adhere to any applicable industry – specific guidelines developed by the CDPH, as well as any conditions or restrictions specified in other State guidelines and/or this Order.

x. Food Packing and Processing.

(A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Food Packing and Processing](#).

xi. Hair Salons and Barbershops.

(A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Hair Salons and Barbershops](#).

xii. Hotels, Lodging, and Short Term Rentals (Tourism and Individual Travel).

(A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Hotels, Lodging, and Short Term Rentals](#).

(B) Fitness facilities located on the premises are only permitted to operate outdoors, and must adhere to the industry guidelines for [Fitness Facilities](#).

(C) Saunas and steam rooms located on the premises must remain closed.

xiii. Life Sciences.

(A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Life Sciences](#).

xiv. Limited Services.

(A) Includes: (1) Appliance Repair Services; (2) Auto Repair Shops; (3) Carwashes; (4) Dog Walkers; (5) Door-to-Door Sales and

Services; (6) Dry Cleaners; (7) Electricians; (8) Handypersons / General Contractors; (9) HVAC Services; (10) Landscapers; (11) Laundromats and Laundry Services; (12) Pet Groomers; (13) Plumbing Services; and (14) Residential and Janitorial Cleaning Services.

- (B) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Limited Services](#).
- (C) Faith-based counseling services are permissible in-person where the service cannot reasonably be practiced remotely. This designation does not permit gatherings beyond counseling to members of a single household.

xv. Logistics and Warehousing Facilities.

- (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Logistics and Warehousing Facilities](#).

xvi. Manufacturing.

- (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Manufacturing](#).

xvii. Mining and Logging.

- (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Mining and Logging](#).

xviii. Ports.

- (A) Must adhere to guidelines for [Ports](#).

xix. Public and Private Passenger Carriers, Transit, and Intercity Passenger Rail.

- (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Public and Private Passenger Carriers, Transit, and Intercity Passenger Rail](#).

xx. Real Estate Transactions.

- (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Real Estate Transactions](#).

- b. The following Entities and activities may reopen indoor operations and outdoor operations up to fifty percent (50%) capacity, unless otherwise restricted by this Order:

- i. *Grocery Stores.*
 - (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Retail](#).
- c. The following Entities and activities may reopen indoor and outdoor operations up to twenty-five percent (25%) capacity, unless otherwise restricted by this Order:
 - i. *Retail (Excluding Grocery Stores).*
 - (A) Includes: (1) Book Stores; (2) Clothing and Shoe Stores; (3) Convenience Stores; (4) Florists; (5) Gas Stations; (6) Jewelry Stores; (7) Libraries; (8) Home and Furnishing Stores; (9) Pharmacies; (10) Sporting Goods Stores; and (11) Toy Stores.
 - (B) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Retail](#).
 - (C) Libraries are also encouraged to follow the guidance for [Restoring In-Person Services in California's Libraries](#), developed by the State Library.
 - ii. *Shopping Malls, Destination Shopping Centers, Strip and Outlet Malls, and Swap Meets.*
 - (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Shopping Malls, Destination Shopping Centers, Strip and Outlet Malls, and Swap Meets](#).
 - (B) Common areas and food courts must remain closed.
- d. The following Entities and activities may reopen outdoor operations only, unless otherwise restricted by this Order:
 - i. *Campgrounds, RV Parks, and Outdoor Recreation.*
 - (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Campgrounds, RV Parks, and Outdoor Recreation](#).
 - ii. *Cardrooms, Satellite Wagering Facilities, and Racetracks.*
 - (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for Cardrooms, [Satellite Wagering Facilities, and Racetracks](#).
 - (B) Racetracks may resume training and competition without live audiences.

- iii. *Expanded Personal Care Services Provided Outdoors.*
 - (A) Includes: (1) Body Waxing Studios; (2) Estheticians; (3) Massage Therapy Studios; (4) Nail Salons; and (5) Skincare and Cosmetology Services.
 - (B) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Expanded Personal Care Services Provided Outdoors.](#)
 - (C) Services for tattooing, piercing, and electrolysis must remain closed.
- iv. *Family Entertainment Centers.*
 - (A) Includes: (1) Batting Cages; (2) Kart Racing; (3) Mini-Golf; and (4) Drive-In Movie Theaters.
 - (B) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Family Entertainment Centers.](#)
 - (C) Indoor playgrounds, bounce centers, ball pits, and laser tag must remain closed.
- v. *Fitness Facilities.*
 - (A) Includes: (1) Dance Studios; (2) Gyms and Fitness Centers; and (3) Yoga Studios.
 - (B) Must adhere to the industry guidelines for [Fitness Facilities.](#)
 - (C) Saunas and steam rooms must remain closed.
- vi. *Outdoor Museums, Galleries, Zoos, and Aquariums.*
 - (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Outdoor Museums and Galleries.](#)
- vii. *Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies.*
 - (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Places of Worship and Providers of Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies.](#)
- viii. *Professional Sports.*
 - (A) Professional Sports may resume training and competition without live audiences.

- (B) Back office staff and management must adhere to the industry guidance for [Office Workspaces](#).
- ix. Restaurants Providing Outdoor Dining, Takeout, Drive-Through, and Delivery.
 - (A) Restaurants must adhere to the industry guidance for [Restaurants Providing Outdoor Dining, Takeout, Drive-Through, and Delivery](#).
 - (B) Wineries, bars, brewpubs, breweries, distilleries, and pubs must remain closed unless they are offering sit-down, outdoor dine-in meals in accordance with the industry guidelines for [Restaurants Providing Outdoor Dining, Takeout, Drive-Through, and Delivery](#). Alcohol can only be sold in the same transaction as a meal.
- x. Youth Sports.
 - (A) Must adhere to the industry guidelines for [Youth Sports](#).
 - (B) Must comply with the CDPH's Guidance for [Small Cohorts/Groups of Children and Youth](#). Groups must be kept as small as possible, with no more than fourteen (14) children, and no more than two (2) supervising adults in a supervised environment. Children and supervising adults in one group must not physically interact with children and supervising adults in other groups, other facility staff, or parents of children in other groups.
- e. The following Entities and activities may reopen for remote operations only, unless otherwise restricted by in this Order:
 - i. Institutions of Higher Education.
 - (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Institutions of Higher Education](#).
 - (B) Courses offered in specialized indoor settings (e.g. labs, studio arts), where the design of the course imposes substantial physical distancing on participants based on the nature of work performed in the space, may be conducted indoors. All other indoor operations shall remain closed.
 - ii. Office Workspaces.
 - (A) Must adhere to the industry guidelines for [Office Workspaces](#).

- (B) Unless the Entity is included in one of the [Essential Critical Infrastructure Sectors](#), all indoor operations of office workspaces shall be done remotely.
 - (C) Faith-based facilities are considered “offices” only for those employed by the organization and where the facility is their regular place of work. This designation does not permit gatherings of non-employees, such as the organization’s congregation.
- iii. *Schools and School-Based Programs.*
- (A) Must adhere to industry guidelines for [Schools and School-Based Programs](#).
 - (B) All in-person School-Based Programs must comply with the CDPH’s Guidance for [Small Cohorts/Groups of Children and Youth](#). Groups must be kept as small as possible, with no more than fourteen (14) children, and no more than two (2) supervising adults in a supervised environment. Children and supervising adults in one group must not physically interact with children and supervising adults in other groups, other facility staff, or parents of children in other groups.
- f. The following Entities and activities shall remain closed:
- i. *Concert Venues.*
 - ii. *Convention Centers.*
 - iii. *Festivals.*
 - iv. *Live Theaters.*
 - v. *Nightclubs.*
 - vi. *Theme Parks.*
- g. All Entities that are permitted to reopen in accordance with this Paragraph 3 shall also adhere to the [Family Friendly Practices for Employers](#) and [Support for Working Families](#).
4. In addition to those guidelines and restrictions issued by the State, the following rules and restrictions shall apply within the County:
- a. All Entities, including those identified as necessary to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors as stated in the list of Essential

Critical Infrastructure Workers, are strongly encouraged to implement telecommuting and other lawful measures to minimize the number of employees onsite at any given time.

- b. All Entities shall be required to comply with [Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#) issued by the CDPH on June 18, 2020 (“CDPH Face Covering Order”). All employees of and visitors to an Entity shall be required to wear face coverings, unless an employee or visitor falls within one of the exceptions outlined in the CDPH Face Covering Order.
 - c. Family units residing in and visiting the County should refrain from visiting Entities in groups. Family units are strongly encouraged to limit the number of persons visiting an Entity to one (1) person per visit.
 - d. Gatherings of individuals, of any size, shall only be permitted as expressly provided within this Order. Individuals gathering for the provision of services, as permitted under this Order, shall maintain a minimum of six (6) feet from others at all times whenever possible. Additionally, individuals gathering for the provision of services shall wear face coverings at all times, unless an individual falls within one of the exceptions outlined in the CDPH Face Covering Order.
5. Both the County and the cities located within the County’s boundaries are strongly encouraged to increase community education through collaboration with their respective law enforcement agencies to inform the public about the restrictions on public and private gatherings.
 6. Both the County and the cities located within the County’s boundaries are strongly encouraged to continue public messaging that engages community-based and faith-based groups and provides education to the community with respect to COVID-19.
 7. The County is strongly encouraged to continue its binational partnership with the City of Mexicali, Mexico, to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 in both communities.
 8. This Order does not, in any way, restrict: (a) first responder access to the site(s) named in this Order during an emergency; or (b) local, State or federal officers, investigators, or medical or law enforcement personnel from carrying out their lawful duties at the site(s) named in this Order.
 9. The County shall promptly provide copies of this Order by: (a) posting it on the County’s Department of Public Health’s website (<http://www.icphd.org/health-information-and-resources/healthy-facts/covid-19/state-&-county-orders/>); (b) posting it at the County Administration Center located at 940 W. Main Street, El Centro, California, 92243; and (c) providing it to any member of the public requesting a copy.

10. The owner, manager, or operator of any Entity that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public requesting a copy.
11. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, business, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid, preempted, or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.
12. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference any applicable federal, State, or local law, regulation, rule, policy, or procedure related to COVID-19, as they may be amended or supplemented.
13. To protect the public's health, the Health Officer may take additional action(s) for failure to comply with this Order. Violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine or both under sections 120295 et seq. of the California Health and Safety Code. Further, pursuant to sections 26602 and 41601 of the California Government Code, and section 101029 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and the Chiefs of Police in all cities located in the County ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order.
14. This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: August 30, 2020



Stephen Munday, M.D., MPH
Health Officer