

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 rescinds and supersedes the Health Officer Order dated April 7, 2021. The Health Officer hereby **ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2020 the State Public Health Officer for the state of California (“State”) issued a [Statewide Public Health Officer Order](#), creating a 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, since its inception, all businesses, nonprofits, governmental agencies, schools, and other entities within the State have been operating under the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), which has been amended from time to time by the California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”); and

WHEREAS, as the number of residents statewide that have been partially or fully vaccinated against COVID-19 has steadily increased, and the corresponding rate of new COVID-19 positive cases have steadily decreased, CDPH has responded by gradually reducing the metrics necessary for a County to move into a higher and less restrictive Tier of the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). Additionally, CDPH has periodically updated its [Industry Guidance to Reduce Risk](#) to permit additional business sectors to open at increased capacity, subject to certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, given the continued successes in administering COVID-19 vaccines to California residents, and the continued decline in new statewide COVID-19 positive cases, the Governor of California and CDPH have proposed to rescind the majority of CDPH’s [Industry Guidance to Reduce Risk](#) developed under the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), and replace them with common sense health measures to ensure that a resurgence in COVID-19 positive cases does not occur within the State. This new framework is referred to as [Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#); and

WHEREAS, in order to align County of Imperial’s local COVID-related guidelines and restrictions with those specified in the [Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), and accompanying regulations, orders, and guidelines adopted by the State, the Health Officer has determined that an updated Health Officer Order is required.

THEREFORE, effective 12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, and continuing until rescinded, the following will be in effect for the County:

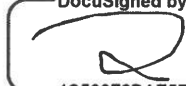
1. All residents of and visitors to the County, as well as all businesses, nonprofits, governmental agencies, schools, and other entities (collectively, “Entities”) located within the County, shall adhere to the requirements set forth in CDPH’s [Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). Additionally, all residents, visitors, and Entities shall adhere to any additional regulations, orders, or guidelines issued by the Governor, the State Public Health Officer, CDPH, and/or the California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupations Safety and Health (“Cal/OSHA”) concerning COVID-19, including any regulations, orders, or guidelines issued after the effective date of this Order, including any amendments, updates, or supplements thereto. CDPH orders and guidance documents can be accessed through CDPH’s COVID-19 [website](#). Cal/OSHA guidance and resources can be accessed at its [website](#).
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. This Order does not, in any way, restrict: (a) first responder access to any Entity 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 any Entity named in this Order.
5. The County shall promptly provide copies of this Order by: (a) posting it on the County's Department of Public Health’s [website](#); (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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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, updated, or supplemented.
9. 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.

10. This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: June 10, 2021

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Stephen Munday, M.D., MPH
Health Officer