MEMORANDUM
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
ADMINISTRATION
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: June 9, 2020

FROM: Todd Leopold, County Executive Officer
Dr. Aimee Sisson, MD, MPH, Health Officer and Public Health Director

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Receive an update from the County Executive Officer and Public Health Officer on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).
2. Direct staff to prepare a letter for the Chairperson's signature addressed to Governor Newsom and the Department of Public Health requesting industry guidance be provided now for all Stage 3 industry sectors.

BACKGROUND

On March 2, 2020, Placer County Public Health reported the first confirmed case of a Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Placer County. On March 3, 2020 the Placer County Health Officer, Dr. Aimee Sisson, issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 101080, as a result of the international COVID-19 outbreak. Additionally, on March 3, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630, the Chief Executive Officer serving as the County of Placer Director of Emergency Services, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency regarding COVID-19. Your Board ratified these declarations on Monday, March 9, 2020.

Upon expiration of the County's Public Health Order on May, 2, the County transitioned to operating solely under the statewide stay-at-home order issued by the Governor and the State Public Health Officer on March 19 which was subsequently revised on May 7. On May 11, your Board approved the Placer County Health Officer's attestation for a variance from the California Department of Public Health to move quicker through Stage 2 of California's Pandemic Roadmap. On May 12, that variance was granted by the California Department of Public Health and the County was approved to move fully into reopening of Phase II businesses in mid-May.

Over the course of the past three weeks County staff have been ensuring that we have met our attestation requirements for testing by expanding testing sites be available for all residents and ramping up contact tracing efforts. To date, the County's hospital admissions directly related to COVID-19 remain below surge capacity to ensure that we are not significantly impacting the healthcare system in the County.

As of this writing, June 4, 2020, Placer County has had a total of 9 COVID-19 related deaths and 259 laboratory-confirmed cases with 172 likely recovered cases and 12,577 negative results. There are currently 11 confirmed cases in local hospitals, 2 confirmed cases in the ICU.

Based upon an assessment of key health care indicators with Placer County, your Board of Supervisors should consider requesting the Governor and State Public Health Department expedite the guidance requirements for all stage 3 businesses in order to allow counties to evaluate their own health care system to assess the safe and efficient reopening of their own businesses.

FISCAL IMPACT

No known financial impact.