



**MEMORANDUM**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE**  
**ADMINISTRATION**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: July 28, 2020

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

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Receive an update from the Placer County Public Health Officer on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

**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.

On March 19, 2020, the Placer County Health Officer issued a directive instructing individuals to shelter at their place of residence and restricting non-essential activities in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The directive went into effect at 12:01 a.m. on March 20, 2020 and continued to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 10, 2020. On April 10, 2020, the Health Officer issued an order, which was amended on April 16, 2020, to replace the March 19 Directive. The April 16, 2020 Order clarified, strengthened, and extended the terms of the previous Directive to reduce person-to-person contact and increase physical distancing in order to further slow transmission of COVID-19. The Order was issued based on the increasing occurrence of cases of COVID-19. This Order expired on May 1, 2020. Upon expiration of the Order, 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 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 more quickly through Stage 2 of California's Pandemic Roadmap than the rest of the state. On May 12, that variance was granted by the California Department of Public Health.

On June 12, several Stage 3 sectors were allowed to resume operations in Placer County after the California Department of Public Health provided guidance for how these sectors could reopen safely. In a letter dated June 10, 2020, Board Chair/Supervisor Bonnie Gore, asked the Governor to provide guidance for additional Stage 3 sectors to reopen, including youth sports, larger gatherings for life events such as funerals and weddings, as well as personal cosmetic services such as nail salons, waxing services, massage salons and tattoo parlors. On June 12, the California Department of Public Health released guidance for personal care services to safely

resume operation no sooner than June 19. On June 19, the expanded personal care services sector was allowed to resume operation in Placer County.

On July 11, the State Public Health Officer issued an Order for Placer County to close bars and indoor operations for restaurants, wineries and tasting rooms, family entertainment centers, movie theaters, zoos and museums, and cardrooms. The Order went into effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 12 and was prompted by Placer County remaining on the State's County Monitoring List for three consecutive days for increasing hospitalizations and limited hospital capacity.

On July 13, the restrictions that previously applied to only counties on the State's Monitoring List were broadened statewide. Additionally, the new State Public Health Officer Order required counties on the Monitoring List, including Placer County, to close indoor operations in the following sectors:

- Gyms and Fitness centers
- Places of Worship
- Protests
- Offices for non-critical infrastructure sectors
- Personal care services, like nail salons, body waxing and tattoo parlors
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Malls

The July 13 State Order remains in effect until further notice.

Placer County government operations are considered critical infrastructure according to guidance from the State Public Health Officer issued April 28, so office-based government operations may continue indoors.

The COVID-19 pandemic is fluid and changing rapidly. As of this writing on July 22, there have been 12 COVID-19-related deaths, 1,479 laboratory-confirmed cases, 1,070 likely recovered cases, and 33,161 negative results. The 14-day case rate is 127.8 per 100,000 residents, and the 7-day testing positivity rate is 7.7%. There are currently 54 confirmed cases in local hospitals, with 12 confirmed cases in the ICU.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Potential fiscal impact projections related to COVID-19 were shared during the FY 2019-20 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Fiscal Update before the Board on April 21, 2020.