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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EXTENDED through June 1, 2020

April 15, 2020 - Restriction of recreational facilities and short-term lodging rentals in Sierra County; Hotels, Motels, Homes, RV Parks, Airbnb, VRBO, Campgrounds, any other transient rentals and congregate settings such as Summer Camps, of less than 30 days in response to the COVID-19 threat.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose a looming threat to the health and safety of the people of Sierra County. **At this time, the Sierra County Public Health Officer has issued an order limiting the use of all short-term rentals and to specific purposes consistent with the Governor's "Stay At Home" order.** This action is consistent with efforts across the United States and California. Our response efforts seek to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and decrease the overall impact on physical, emotional and mental impact on individuals, families, healthcare workers, all of which place strains on medical facilities and the local economy.

To fight the spread of COVID-19 on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, commonly called the "Stay at Home" order, requiring all persons residing in the State to remain in their homes or places of residence, except as needed to maintain the continuity of operations for critical infrastructure. The Order does not have a specific end date.

Essential Functions

The guidance provided by the Governor's Office lists specific jobs and functions within those critical infrastructure sectors deemed "necessary." This includes hotels and lodging activities related to isolating or quarantining persons infected with or exposed to the COVID-19 virus, or housing workers performing jobs deemed essential to maintaining critical infrastructure. This does not include vacation or "get away" destinations that are not normal places of residence. The Governor's guidance also recommends going outside for fresh air or to take a walk, as exercise and recreation are essential to personal health and well-being.

Traveling to Recreate

Human travel promotes the spread of disease and the presence of visitors in Sierra County has the potential to exacerbate the spread of the COVID-19. If you live in Sierra County, please recreate close to home and minimize contact with others. If you do not live in Sierra County, please do not come to Sierra County to recreate at this time.

General Protective Measures

Wherever you are, it is important to use good personal protective measures.

- Avoid congregating in groups.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times.
- Avoid crowded areas like trailheads and parking lots.
- Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer often.

In short, it is OK to enjoy the outdoors but do it in a safe, isolated, and individual manner.

We understand the uncertainty that exists with the Governor's Order, as it does not provide an end date. The order from Sierra County Public Health is for these restrictions to be in place at least through June 1 , 2020. Future actions by the Governor's Office could trigger an adjustment of this date.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to stand together to beat this disease.



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For more information, please go to: <http://sierracounty.ca.gov/582/Coronavirus-COVID-19>

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