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San Joaquin County New Public Health Order Updates Requirements for Faith-Based Gatherings, Golf Courses and Landscaping/Gardening Services

STOCKTON – Today, the San Joaquin County Public Health Officer, Maggie Park, M.D., and Marcia Cunningham, Director of Emergency Services, issued an amendment to the Order of April 14, 2020. The amendment addresses four areas:

- Permits faith-based organizations to hold services in a “drive-in” like manner if certain rules are followed. Services must occur outside. Only people from the same household can attend per car. Individuals must stay inside their cars during the entire service. All social distancing protocols are still required.

- Establishes a set of over 50 rules for local golf courses to resume limited operations, including the following: All clubhouse and indoor facilities, locker rooms, public seating and practice putting greens will remain closed; Water dispensers, bunker rakes and ball washers will be removed; Tee time intervals will be extended with players waiting in cars until tee time; Increased golf course sanitation measures; Social distancing protocols for players and staff is required to the best extent possible.

- Allows serious potential buyers (i.e. buyers who have provided verification of funds or lender prequalification letters) to view a house in-person before the current resident has moved out. In-person showings must be by appointment with no more than two visitors at a time from the same household and one individual showing the unit. All social distancing protocols are still required.

- Provides guidance to arborists, landscapers, and gardeners on physical distancing protocols that must be implemented. Social distancing practices are maintained while providing any service and during payment. Any shared equipment is cleaned between users. Crewmembers who are not members of the same household must not travel in the same vehicle.

“The County continues to work extensively with our public and private partners to maintain strict guidelines while exploring ways to gradually open the County back up for business,” stated Dr. Park. “We will closely monitor public response allowed in this updated Order to see if other areas of the County can be opened up. I’ve requested that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance and enforcement of this Order. It should be noted that any violation of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health. While enforcement through education is preferable, other means of enforcement may be employed, as deemed appropriate by law enforcement agencies.”

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ORDER OF THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY PUBLIC
HEALTH OFFICER REGARDING OUTDOOR PUBLIC
GATHERINGS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND
PROVIDING CLARIFICATION ON ESSENTIAL
BUSINESSES

DATE OF ORDER: April 24, 2020

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295, et seq.)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101470, 101475, 101085, 120175, 120200, 120210 AND 120215 THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN (“HEALTH OFFICER”) AND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8634 AND SAN JOAQUIN ORDINANCE CODE SECTION 4-3005, THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER and DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN ORDERS:

1. This Order amends the Order issued by the San Joaquin County Public Health Officer and San Joaquin County Director of Emergency Services on April 14, 2020. Text in Red indicates text that is changed from the original Order. Strikethroughs indicates text that is deleted from the original Order.

2. The purpose of this Amendment is to clarify the social distancing protocols for Faith-based gatherings, to implement mandatory protocols to allow golf courses to resume limited operations, and to provide clarification on Essential Businesses. These activities, when conducted as prescribed herein, are consistent with Executive Order N-33-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 19, 2020, and the Order of the State Public Health Officer issued March 22, 2020, identifying Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers. The distinctions between activities in this amendment are based on minimizing situations where the virus can spread, including consideration of proximity and duration of contacts, otherwise likely to occur.

3. Paragraph 6 of the April 14th Order is hereby amended as follows:

6. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited
purposes as expressly permitted in Section 11. All bars, tasting rooms, and brewpubs shall close to the public. All in-dining at restaurants shall cease. Restaurants may continue to provide home delivery and takeout. All gyms, bingo halls, golf course and card rooms shall remain closed to the public. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

4. Paragraph 11. g is hereby added to the April 14, 2020 Order:

11. g. Faith-based gatherings: As expressed by the State of California in the matter of Gish, et al v. Newsom, et al, faith-based services may be conducted on-line, or in a drive-in like setting as long as those in attendance refrain from direct and indirect physical contact with others, and abide by physical distancing guidelines. Therefore, the following physical distancing requirements are adopted for all public faith-based gatherings:

   (i) All activity must occur outdoors;

   (ii) All persons attending the activity must be inside a motor vehicle occupied only by persons from the same household or living unit;

   (iii) All motor vehicles at the gathering must maintain a distance of six feet from other vehicles;

   (iv) All persons must remain in the vehicle in which they arrived at all times during the event;

   (v) No tangible items of any kind, including food products, may be transferred to persons in the motor vehicles;

   (vi) Notwithstanding the above, one or more persons, not exceeding five, may enter nearby buildings as necessary to put on the presentation; and

   (vii) All Social Distancing Requirements shall be complied with to the greatest extent feasible.

5. Paragraph 13 of the Order is amended to read:

13. Clarification of Essential Businesses:
a. Real Estate: Service providers that enable residential transactions (including rentals, leases and home sales), including, but not limited to, real estate agents, escrow agents, notaries and title companies, are permitted to operate provided that they adhere to all of the requirements for Essential Businesses contained in this order, and provided that appointments and other residential viewings must only occur virtually or, if a virtual viewing is not feasible, in-person, non-virtual showings shall be limited to “serious” potential buyers. “Serious” potential buyers are those who have provided verifications of funds and lender prequalification letters to show they are able to purchase the property that is the subject of the showing. The in-person showings must be by appointment with no more than two visitors at a time residing within the same household or living unit and one individual showing the unit. These services must be carried out in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Order. Real estate agents are required to follow the guidelines published by the California Association of Realtors to the extent they do not conflict with this order. (https://www.carcovidupdates.org/best-practices-guidelines).

b. Landscaping: Arborists, landscapers, gardeners, and similar professionals who provide services necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences and businesses provided that all of the following protocols are followed:

(i) Social distancing practices are maintained while providing the service and during payment,

(ii) Any shared equipment is cleaned between users, and

(iii) Crewmembers who are not members of the same household do not travel in the same vehicle.

6. Paragraph 14 of the April 14th Order is hereby amended as follows:

14. Golf Courses: All public and private golf courses may open for limited operations provided that the courses fully implement the Protocols contained in Exhibit A. Golf Clubs that are licensed to, and elect to serve food for pick-up or delivery shall prepare, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol at each facility where food is served, as specified in Section 12. Social distancing shall be required for all persons.
7. All other sections of the April 14, 2020 Order are unchanged and remain enforceable.

8. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health. Consistent with the views expressed by the Governor and after consulting with the San Joaquin County Sheriff, the Director and Public Health Officer believe that enforcement through education is preferable but that other means of enforcement may be employed, as deemed appropriate by the law enforcement agency.

9. This Order shall become effective at 12:00 p.m. on April 24, 2020, and will continue to be in effect until it is rescinded in writing by the Health Officer.

10. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Administration Building at 44 N. San Joaquin, Stockton 95202, First Floor; (2) posted on the San Joaquin County Home page (sjgov.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

11. If any provision of this Order to the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Maggie Park, M.D. Dated: April 24, 2020
San Joaquin County
Public Health Officer

Marcia Cunningham, Dated: April 24, 2020
Director of Emergency Services of the
County of San Joaquin

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Emergency Services
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Facility Name: ______________________________________________________

Facility Address: ___________________________________________________

The following measures shall be implemented to protect employees and the public from transmission of Coronavirus at these venues.

**Signage**

1. Place a sign at each entrance to the facility and other relevant buildings to inform the public of the buildings or facilities that are closed to the public.

2. Post a copy of this Plan at each entrance to the facility and other relevant buildings.

3. Post notices in practice areas reminding golfers to maintain a minimum of six-foot spacing between golfers.

**Facilities**

1. All clubhouse and indoor facilities will remain closed, including but not limited to, the Pro Shop, bar, and dine-in restaurants. Dining areas may only remain open for grab-and-go service or delivery.

2. Remove seating from dining and picnic areas, or rope off these areas.

3. Locker rooms and showers will remain closed. If items need to be retrieved from a locker, the area will be sanitized upon completion of retrieval.

4. Driving ranges may be used provided that range balls are properly sanitized before distribution to customers. A 10-foot spacing between stalls is recommended.

5. Practice putting greens will remain closed.

6. Trash cans should be touchless. Remove lids if present and not operable by foot.

7. Course restrooms can remain open provided they are cleaned hourly; prop open door.
8. Remove any water dispensers that require contact. Instruct golfers to bring their own water or provide bottled water.

**Equipment**

1. Each golfer must have their own golf clubs, shoes, and equipment. Discontinue club rentals.

2. Except for persons of the same household, players should not touch another player’s ball, equipment, scorecard, or pencils.

3. Only one person per golf cart, except for persons of the same household.

4. Affix a scorecard and new pencil to the steering wheel of each sanitized cart before use.

**Employees**

1. Everyone who can carry out their work duties from home should be directed to do so.

2. All employees will be told not to come to work if sick.

3. Symptom checks are being conducted before employees enter the workspace. A sample checklist is available in Appendix A of the Stay at Home Order.

4. All workstations are separated by at least six feet.

5. Disinfectant and related supplies are available to all employees at all work areas.

6. Hand sanitizer effective against COVID-19 is available to all employees.

7. Soap and water are available to all employees.

8. Employees who engage with guests must wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth. Provide such face coverings to employees if needed.
9. All employees have been instructed to maintain at least a six-foot distance from golfers and from each other, except employees who may momentarily come closer when necessary to accept payment, deliver goods or services, or as otherwise necessary.

10. Breaks and meal times should be alternated/staggered as much as possible.

11. Vending machines, coffee pots, and other similar communal employee amenities, except refrigerators and microwaves, should be decommissioned at this time. Handles and control pads for refrigerators and microwaves must be frequently disinfected. Personal drink bottle and ice chests are encouraged.

12. Copies of this Plan have been distributed to all employees.

**Golfers**

1. Any player with a fever or recent contact with anyone known to have COVID-19 is not allowed at the facility.

2. Golfers are strongly encouraged to wear facial coverings.

3. Those who are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 are discouraged from golfing (individuals over age 65, individuals with compromised immune systems, and individuals who have serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease).

4. Require tee times to be made in advance, electronically or telephonically, and eliminate walk-up tee times.

5. Require payment in advance using a method that does not require exchange of physical currency (e.g., credit card).

6. Golfers must wait in their cars until their designated tee times. No social gathering while waiting for the round to begin.

7. Allow golfers to proceed to their first tee without any physical contact or entry into the Pro Shop.
8. All players must begin at the first tee.

9. Instruct golfers to not touch flagsticks or remove flagsticks.

10. Encourage gimmes to reduce crowding near the hole.

11. Require golfers to leave the property immediately after playing to eliminate congestion. No congregating in the parking lot.

**Golf Operations**

1. Increase tee time intervals to a minimum of 10 minutes.

2. Maximum of four (4) people per group and each group must be stable for the duration of the round. No splitting off, substituting, or adding golfers.

3. Social distancing must be maintained around the green. Keep appropriate distances on tee boxes, fairways, and greens.

4. A Golf Marshall shall be deployed to ensure that golfers are following social distancing protocols and to prevent golfers from congregating on the golf course.

5. Cover cups, invert cups, or create a barrier, so the ball cannot be holed.

6. Remove rakes from bunkers.

7. Disable golf ball washers.

8. Pin flags can stay on the course, as long as it is articulated that golfers shall not touch pin flags for any reason.
Exhibit A
Golf Facility Social Distancing Plan

Sanitization

1. Provide disinfecting products that are effective against COVID-19 to sanitize carts and frequently touched surfaces.

2. Employee break room, bathrooms, and high contact surfaces, including doorknobs and other common areas, should be disinfected frequently.

3. Hand sanitizer, soap and water, or effective disinfectant is available to golfers at or near the entrance of the facility and anywhere else people have direct interactions.

4. Disinfect all payment portals, pens, and styluses after each use.

5. Employees will thoroughly sanitize golf and pushcarts after each guest has returned the cart.

You may contact the following person with any questions or comments about this Plan:

Name:___________________________ Phone Number: ________________