



## San Joaquin County

### **PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19**

Public Health Emergency Isolation Order

Date Order Issued: May 16, 2022

This Order is in effect until rescinded in writing by the Public Health Officer.

This order does not apply to Health Care Personnel. Health Care Personnel should follow: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-08.aspx>

### **SUMMARY OF THE ORDER**

**California is in a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

The spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a danger to the health of the public in San Joaquin County. COVID-19 can easily spread between people who are in close contact with one another. This Isolation Order is needed to protect the public from avoidable risk of serious illness or death from exposure to COVID-19. There is risk of COVID-19 spreading from infected persons before they develop symptoms and from people with mild or no symptoms. Thus, all individuals who are infected with COVID-19, regardless of their symptoms (none, mild or severe), may put other members of the public at risk.

To help slow the spread of COVID-19, to protect vulnerable individuals, and to prevent the healthcare system in San Joaquin County from being overwhelmed, it is necessary for San Joaquin County Public Health Services (PHS) to isolate people with COVID-19.

### **UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS:**

**All individuals who have been diagnosed with or are likely to have COVID-19 must isolate themselves per instructions in this Order.**

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### ***Isolation Requirements for Individuals Diagnosed with or Likely to have COVID-19***

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**1. A person is diagnosed with or is likely to have COVID 19 if he or she has:**

- A positive lab test for COVID-19; OR
- Signs and symptoms that could be COVID-19 (see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html> for the list of symptoms); OR
- A health care provider has said he or she is likely to have COVID-19.

## 2. Isolation Requirements for People With COVID-19 and People With COVID-19 Symptoms.

- a) Person With COVID-19. Any person, other than health care personnel, who tests positive for COVID-19 or is diagnosed with COVID-19 must follow the guidelines for “Persons Who Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolation)” set forth in the CDPH “Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public”: (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Isolation-and-Quarantine-for-COVID-19-Contact-Tracing.aspx>)
- b) Person with COVID-19 Symptoms.
- Self-isolate and test as soon as possible to determine infection status. Knowing one is infected early during self-isolation enables (a) earlier access to treatment options, if indicated (especially for those that may be at risk for severe illness), and (b) notification of exposed persons (close contacts) who may also benefit by knowing if they are infected.
  - For symptomatic persons who have tested positive within the previous 90 days, using an antigen test is preferred.
  - Remain in isolation while waiting for testing results. If not tested, they should continue isolating for 10 days after the day of symptom onset, and if they cannot isolate, should wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days.
  - Consider continuing self-isolation and retesting in 1-2 days if testing negative with an antigen test, particularly if tested during the first 1-2 days of symptoms.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**



Dr. Maggie Park  
Public Health Officer, San Joaquin County

May 16, 2022  
Date