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Colusa County Public Health Officer
Extends and Expands Upon Shelter-in-Place Order

(COLUSA, CA) April 10, 2020 - Earlier today, Dr. Gregory Burt, Colusa County Public Health Officer, issued an Order Restricting Activities in Response to COVID-19 Outbreak. The Order directs all individuals living within the County to remain at their place of residence, orders all businesses and governmental operations to cease non-essential operations at physical locations, and prohibits all non-essential gatherings and non-essential travel. The Order supersedes the March 20, 2020 Directive, and remains in effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 8, 2020.

“The intent of this Order is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the greatest extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue, to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Colusa County to the utmost extent possible,” said Dr. Burt.

The current public health emergency has substantially worsened since the County issued the prior Directive, with a significant escalation in the number of positive cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, and increasing the strain on health care resources throughout the state. Colusa County currently has three positive cases, with more expected in the coming weeks. Evidence suggests that the restrictions on mobility and social distancing requirements imposed by the prior Directive are slowing the rate of increase in community transmission and confirmed cases, consistent with scientific evidence of the efficacy of similar measures in other parts of the country and throughout the world.

“It is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable, to prevent the health care system from becoming overwhelmed, and to prevent deaths,” said Dr. Burt.

A summary of the Order includes the following directives:

Community Operations

➢ All individuals currently living within Colusa County are ordered to remain at their place of residence, leaving only to conduct essential activities, essential governmental functions, essential travel, or to operate essential businesses.
➢ All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited.
➢ All non-essential travel, including, but not limited to, non-essential travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit is prohibited. This does not preclude walking or biking for exercise purposes, provided social distancing is followed.
➢ When performing essential business, social distancing is required.

Business Operations

➢ All businesses with a facility in Colusa County, except essential businesses as defined in the Order, are directed to cease all activities at facilities located within the County, except for Minimum Basic Operations as defined in the Order.
➢ Businesses consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences may continue operations.
➢ All essential businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open, but directed to maximize the number of employees who work from home.
➢ Businesses that provide essential and non-essential services/products must, to the extent feasible, scale down operations to the essential services only.

This Order includes exceptions, and continues to classify farming, food processing and distribution operations, and their support businesses, as essential. For full details, the Order can be accessed at [http://www.countyofcolusa.com](http://www.countyofcolusa.com). Dr. Burt will continue to assess the quickly evolving situation and may modify or extend this Order as changing circumstances dictate.

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