

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01****A RESOLUTION OF THE MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT'S  
JURISDICTIONS OF THE MORONGO VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE MORONGO VALLEY COVINGTON  
PARK**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to COVID-19 (Corona Virus) was first identified in a province of China, it has now spread to more than 75 Countries, including the United States; And

**WHEREAS**, The Morongo Valley Community Services District [Herein "District"] has jurisdiction on three items within the town of Morongo Valley. These are the Fire Department, the Covington Park (including the Geeson Ball Fields), and the Street Lights; And

**WHEREAS**, The District's Covington Park building and grounds as well as the District's Geeson Ball Fields, host a multitude of classes, activities, and rentals including; Judo, Narcotics Anonymous, the Art Colony, Children's Art Classes, The Morongo Valley Sport's League, the USDA Food Drive, Memorial Services, Birthdays, etc.; And

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 8558 describes what a Local Emergency entails. It states that for a Local Emergency to be declared, there is an existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril for items such as a Pandemic. This allows the District to take actions necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare within the town. The State of California as well as the County of San Bernardino have already declared a State of Emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED** by the District's Board of Directors that that while there have been zero known cases of COVID-19 in Morongo Valley or the immediate surrounding areas, it is imperative in order to provide the safety, health and well-being of all Morongo Valley Residents, Visitors, and CSD and Fire Department personnel to enact the following:

**1. Town Facilities**

- a. The Covington Park Building, including rooms such as the MPR, the Mesquite, the Kitchen, the Storage, the Art Colony, etc., will be closed to the public from March 16, 2020 till further notice.
- b. The Park Grounds including the playground, the Geeson Ball Fields, the Picnic Tables, the Pavilion, the Tennis Courts, Etc. will be closed effective March 19, 2020 till further notice.

**2. The Morongo Valley Community Services District Office**

- a. The Community Services District Office operations will continue to operate as normal. The Community Services District Office will be open during regular business hours of Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM till 2:00PM.
- b. The Morongo Valley Community Services District will be able to assist with items such as Fire Protection Letters, Incident Reports, Providing Public Information, etc.
- c. The public can contact the District's Office by calling 760-363-6454 , by contacting us through our website at <https://morongocsd.specialdistrict.org/>, or by emailing the District at [Morongovalleycsd@gmail.com](mailto:Morongovalleycsd@gmail.com)
- d. The District's Regular Board Meetings will be held online instead of in the Multipurpose room. The Meetings will still be held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00PM. The Meetings will be held online until the Covid-19 Pandemic has subsided and is contained. Information regarding how to join the Online Board Meetings is on our website under "District Notices" at <https://morongocsd.specialdistrict.org/district-notice-7480b46>



## Public Health

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### **ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

### **FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19**

**DATE OF ORDER: April 7, 2020**

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295; County Code Section 31.0101 Et. Seq.)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CODE SECTION 31.0101 ET. SEQ., THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO ("HEALTH OFFICER") ORDERS:

**Effective 12:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, and continuing until rescinded,** pending further Order of the Public Health Officer, the following will be in effect for the County of San Bernardino (hereinafter the "County"):

1. The Orders of the San Bernardino County Health Officer issued on March 17, 2020 and March 27, 2020, Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-22-20 and order of the California State Public Health Officer issued on March 19, 2020, 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 "Stay-at-Home Order") remain in effect until the Governor's Executive Order N-22-20, and the Orders of the San Bernardino County Health Officer remain in effect until they are rescinded.
2. Under the Orders of the San Bernardino County Health Officer, the California State Public Health Officer, and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-22-20, all individuals living in the State of California are ordered to stay home or at their place of residence except as need to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, as outlined at <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>. This guidance does allow faith based services that are provided through streaming or other technology, while individuals remain in their homes, but does not allow individuals to leave their homes for driving parades or drive-up services, or for picking up non-essential items.

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3. All non-essential businesses that do not fall under the Essential Critical Infrastructure referenced above are ordered to remain closed. All essential businesses that remain in operation in accordance with the above referenced Orders of the San Bernardino County Health Officer, the Order of the California State Public Health Officer, and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-22-20, shall follow the Social Distancing and Infection Control Guidelines published by the CDC and California Department of Public Health. All essential businesses must ensure all required measures are implemented and must identify and require measures necessary to implement social distancing and sanitation at that particular facility. If the measures identified and implemented are not effective in maintaining proper social distancing and sanitation, additional measures shall be identified and implemented or the facility shall be closed.
4. All persons, including Essential Workers shall wear face coverings, such as scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandanas, neck gaiters, or other fabric face coverings, when they leave their homes or places of residence for essential activities. All persons, including non-medical Essential Workers are discouraged from using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as N95 masks, for non-medical reasons. Staff working at facilities listed in Attachment A at <http://wsp.sbcounty.gov/dph/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2020/04/Attachment-A-and-B.pdf> must follow the Order of the San Bernardino County Public Health Officer issued on April 6, 2020, requiring staff at these facilities to wear a surgical mask at all times while in the facility.
5. All essential businesses shall make every effort to use telecommuting for its workforce.
6. Government entities shall enforce social distancing requirements at all parks and trails. If a government entity is unable to enforce social distancing at a park or trail, it shall be closed to the public. Parking lots at all parks and/or trails shall be closed and shall be accessible only by members of the public within walking distance of the parks and/or trails. Said parks and/or trails shall be used solely for walking, hiking, equestrian or bicycle riding. The public shall not congregate or participate in group sporting activities at such parks and/or trails.
7. A strong recommendation is made that all persons who are 65 years old or older, have a chronic underlying condition, or have a compromised immune system self-quarantine themselves at home.
8. Hospitals and healthcare providers shall take measures to preserve and prioritize resources including delaying non-emergent or elective surgeries or procedures where feasible.
9. All persons arriving in the county from international locations identified on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Warning Level 2 or 3 Travel Advisory (available at: <https://www.wnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>) shall be subject to 14-day home quarantine, self-monitoring.
10. A strong recommendation is made for persons exhibiting mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 to self-isolate in their place of residence unless seeking medical treatment. A guide to symptoms is found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.
11. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 within the County, in the state of California, and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as

best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19. The virus that causes COVID-19 (known as SARS-CoV2) has infected over one million individuals worldwide in over 180 countries and is implicated in over 76,000 worldwide deaths, including at least 530 cases and 16 deaths in San Bernardino County. These numbers increase significantly every day.

12. This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide. This Order will help to reduce the number of Californians who contract COVID-19 before an effective treatment or vaccine is available; protect those most likely to experience severe symptoms, such as older Californians and those with underlying chronic conditions; preserve and protect our healthcare delivery system; and minimize the social and economic impacts of COVID-19 over the long run.
13. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the: March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 10, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in San Bernardino County; the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino proclaiming the existence of a Local Emergency in the County of San Bernardino regarding COVID-19; the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino ratifying and extending the Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to COVID-19; and Executive Order N-22-20 of the Governor of California and Order of the State Public Health Officer issued on March 19, 2020.
14. This Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the Health Officer, the California Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other public health officials throughout the United States and around the world, including but not limited to, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Interim Additional Guidance for Infection Prevention and Control for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 in Nursing Homes", the California Department of Public Health Face Covering Guidance issued on April 1, 2020, and Recommendation Regarding the Use of Cloth Face Coverings from the Centers from Disease Control and Prevention issued on April 3, 2020.
15. This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101030, et seq.; Health and Safety Code sections 120100, et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.
16. This Order shall not supersede any conflicting or more restrictive orders issued by the State of California or Federal governments, including any requirements regarding child care. If any portion of this Order or 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.
17. To the extent necessary, pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, this order is enforceable by the Sheriff and all Chiefs of Police in the County. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.

Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of San Bernardino Health Administration office located at 351 N. Mountain View Ave., #303, San Bernardino, CA 92415; (2) posted on the County of San Bernardino Public Health Department's website ([www.sbcounty.gov/dph](http://www.sbcounty.gov/dph)); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

Erin Gustafson, MD, MPH

Dated: April 7, 2020

Dr. Erin Gustafson, MD, MPH  
Acting Public Health Officer  
County of San Bernardino

Approved as to form and legality:

Adam Ebright

Dated: April 7, 2020

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County Counsel  
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