



County of Santa Cruz

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Public Health Division

AMENDED ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ REQUIRING ISOLATION OF THOSE PRESUMPTIVELY OR CONFIRMED INFECTED WITH COVID-19

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.*; Cal. Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1).)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

1. The spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 has created a state of emergency in California and in Santa Cruz County. COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that poses a substantial danger to the people of Santa Cruz County. This Order is issued based on scientific evidence and best practices as currently known and available to protect vulnerable members of the public from the avoidable risk of serious illness or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19.
2. A person is considered diagnosed as having COVID-19 when a medical clinician determines that the person meets the presumptive or confirmed case definition defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nndss/conditions/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/case-definition/2020/08/05/>.
3. A person infected with or likely to have COVID-19 can easily spread the virus to others. Isolation measures help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by separating these individuals from others.
4. All individuals who are presumptively or confirmed infected with COVID-19 must immediately take the following actions:
 - (a) Carefully review and closely follow the instructions for isolation set forth in the “COVID-19 Self-Quarantine and Self-Isolation Instructions for Patients,” posted online at www.santacruzhealth.org/IQEnglish and www.santacruzhealth.org/IQEspanol; and
 - (b) Post the Notice of Isolation, found online at www.santacruzhealth.org/ProviderGuidance, at their place of isolation.
5. All close contacts with the person presumptively or confirmed diagnosed with COVID-19 must self-quarantine as defined by the “Order of the Health Officer of the County of Santa Cruz Requiring Quarantine of Those Individuals Who Have Been in Close Contact With Someone Presumptively or Confirmed Infected With COVID-19”, found online at www.santacruzhealth.org/ProviderGuidance.
6. Medical clinicians must advise patients to isolate in accordance with the advisory notice posted online at www.santacruzhealth.org/ProviderGuidance.

7. The Health Officer may take additional actions, which may include civil detention or requiring an individual with a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of COVID-19 to stay at a health facility or other location, to protect the public's health if an individual who is subject to this Order fails to comply with this Order.
8. Pursuant to Government Code sections 8667, 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 and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.
9. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County offices at 701 Ocean St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department website (www.santacruzhealth.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
10. If any provision of this Order or its application 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:

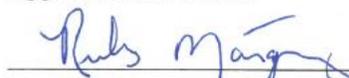


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Health Officer of the County of Santa Cruz

Dated: December, 2020
25, 2020 

Approved as to Form:

 12/23/2020

Office of the County Counsel