



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
RESCINDING PRIOR ORDER THAT REQUIRED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES TO
CONFORM TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER
ECONOMY AND IMPOSED MANDATES ON GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND
PROVIDERS OF SERVICES TO HOMELESS PERSONS**

ORDER NO. HO-COVID19-46

DATE OF ORDER: JUNE 15, 2021

Summary of the Order

This Order of the Health Officer eliminates a local restriction, set forth in the Health Officer's March 25, 2021, Order No. HO-COVID19-43 (the "Prior Order"), that prohibited business activities in the County if the business activities were in sectors that were closed in the applicable tier of the State of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, and allowed other business activities only in conformance with applicable State guidance related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. This Order also eliminates a mandate in the Prior Order that government entities employ emergency protective measures to prevent, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the pandemic, and eliminates a mandate in the Prior Order pertaining to services provided to homeless persons.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040 AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA ("HEALTH OFFICER") ORDERS:

- 1. Basis for Order.** As of the week ending May 30, 2021, COVID-19 case rates in Contra Costa County (County) had declined to 2.9 cases per day per 100,000 persons, from a peak case rate of 62.1 per 100,000 persons on January 9, 2021. COVID-19 hospitalization rates have fallen from 296 people in hospitals in the County on January 29, 2021, to just 28 people on June 8, 2021. Also as of June 8, 2021, 67 percent of County residents aged 12 or older are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

An August 28, 2020, Statewide Public Health Officer Order ("August 28 Order") created a framework for reopening businesses and resuming certain activities, now known as the Blueprint for a Safer Economy ("Blueprint"), involving sectors and a series of tiers based on



case and testing positivity rates and other factors. In conformance with directives to local health jurisdictions that were contained in the August 28 Order, the Prior Order allowed business activities that were in open sectors of the Blueprint to operate in the County in conformance with applicable State guidance, and disallowed business activities in closed sectors. A new order issued by the State Public Health Officer on June 11, 2021, supersedes the August 28 Order, eliminating the Blueprint and the directives to local health jurisdictions, effective at 12:01 a.m. on June 15, 2021. With the elimination of the Blueprint, the local restrictions contained in the Prior Order are no longer applicable.

Based on the downward trend in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, and progress in administering COVID-19 vaccinations to people in the County, I have determined that it is no longer necessary to impose local restrictions on business activities in the County. For the same reason, I have determined that it is no longer necessary to impose the mandate in the Prior Order that government entities employ all necessary emergency protective measures related to the pandemic, or the mandate in the Prior Order that certain service providers provide homeless persons with hand sanitizer. Shelter operators and other providers of services to homeless persons are encouraged to review the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention related to COVID-19 and the homeless population (see the Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019, updated June 8, 2021, at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/plan-prepare-respond.html>, and the Interim Guidance on People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness, updated June 7, 2021, at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/unsheltered-homelessness.html>.)

2. **Prior Order.** The Prior Order is hereby rescinded.
3. **Effective Date and Time.** This Order takes effect June 15, 2021 at 8:00 AM.
4. **Copies; Contact Information.** Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the Office of the Director of Contra Costa Health Services, 1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 200, Martinez, CA 94553; (2) posted on the Contra Costa Health Services website (<https://www.cchealth.org>); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order. Questions or comments regarding this Order may be directed to Contra Costa Health Services at (844) 729-8410.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Chris Farnitano, M.D.
Health Officer of the County of Contra Costa

Dated: June 15, 2021

