



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA  
RESCINDING HEALTH OFFICER ORDER NO. HO-COVID19-37, PERTAINING TO  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TERMS OF A REGIONAL STAY AT HOME ORDER  
ISSUED DECEMBER 3, 2020, BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

**ORDER NO. HO-COVID19-39**

**DATE OF ORDER: DECEMBER 16, 2020**

**Summary of the Order**

This Order of the Health Officer rescinds Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-37 effective as of 11:59 p.m. Thursday, December 17, 2020.

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 of Order.** On December 3, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (“State”) issued a Regional Stay at Home Order (“State Order”) to restrict specified business and personal activities to slow the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), effective regionally based on the State’s assessment of available capacity of adult intensive care unit (ICU) beds. The State Order was not effective in Contra Costa County (“County”) at the time of issuance. On December 4, 2020, the County Health Officer issued Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-37 (the “Prior Order”), implementing specified terms of the State Order effective as of 10 p.m. on December 6, 2020, and ending at 6 a.m. on January 4, 2021. On December 6, 2020, the State issued a supplemental order that modified the State Order. As modified by the supplemental order, the State Order takes effect at 11:59 p.m. the day after a region’s available ICU adult bed capacity falls below 15 percent.

On December 16, 2020, the State announced its assessment that the available capacity of adult ICU beds in the Bay Area region, which includes the County, had dropped to 12.9 percent, triggering the effectiveness of the State Order in the Bay Area region as of 11:59 p.m. on December 17, 2020. When the State Order takes effect, the State Order, as modified



by the December 6, 2020, supplemental order, will be fully enforceable within the County under applicable laws, and the Prior Order will no longer be necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19.

2. **Rescission of Prior Order.** Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-37 is hereby rescinded.
3. **Effective Date and Time.** This Order takes effect at 11:59 p.m. on December 17, 2020.
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

December 16, 2020

