



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA  
REPEALING PRIOR ORDERS IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON SPECIFIED  
BUSINESS ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

**ORDER NO. HO-COVID19-42**

**DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 10, 2021**

**Summary of the Order**

This Order of the Health Officer rescinds Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-35 and Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-36 (collectively the “Prior Orders”), effective immediately. Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-28, which aligns Contra Costa County (the “County”) with restrictions on business activities set forth in the State of California’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy (“State Blueprint”), remains in full force and effect. As of the date of issuance of this Order, Contra Costa County is in the widespread (purple) tier of the State Blueprint.

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 November 4, 2020, the County was in the orange (moderate) tier of the State Blueprint. In response to a rise in the daily rate of cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the County, the Health Officer issued Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-35. Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-35 imposed restrictions on several business sectors that were consistent with stricter restrictions in the red (substantial) tier of the State Blueprint. Six days later, the County moved into the red tier, and the COVID-19 case rate continued to rise. Again in an effort to get control over the transmission of the virus causing COVID-19, on November 13, 2020, the Health Officer issued Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-36, which imposed restrictions on specified business sectors that were consistent with stricter restrictions in the purple (widespread) tier of the State Blueprint. Thereafter, in response to declining availability of adult space in hospital intensive care units, the Acting State Public Health Officer issued a Regional Stay at Home Order, which imposed additional restrictions in the County effective on December 16, 2020.



The Regional State at Home Order was lifted on January 25, 2021, COVID-19 case rates are now falling, and the County is now in the widespread tier. Because the restrictions established by the State in the widespread tier are currently mandated by Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-28, there is no need now for the restrictions set forth in the Prior Orders. Rescission of the Prior Orders will also bring the County into conformance with revised State guidelines for operation of places of worship and cultural ceremonies (eliminating a maximum capacity restriction in response to an order issued by the U.S. Supreme Court) and gyms and fitness centers (allowing use of indoor pools for drowning prevention classes).

2. **Rescission of Prior Orders.** Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-35 and Health Officer Order No. HO-COVID19-36 are hereby rescinded.
3. **Effective Date and Time.** This Order takes effect immediately upon issuance.
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

March 10, 2021

