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RESCISSION OF LOCAL ORDER OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER RESTRICTING TRAVEL INTO THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN AREA OF EL DORADO COUNTY

MAY 27, 2020

WHEREAS, a state of emergency has been declared by the State of California and local emergencies have been declared in El Dorado County and the Cities of Placerville and South Lake Tahoe and on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, the 'Stay-at-Home' order for the entire state of California with no set end date; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Public Health Officer (Health Officer) issued a Directive on March 19, 2020 restricting activities within the County that expired on April 30, 2020, leaving the County to continue following the Governor's Stay-at-Home order; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer issued a local order on April 3, 2020, to cease all nonessential travel into the El Dorado County portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin (Local Travel Order) and later extended the Local Travel Order indefinitely when rescinding the remainder of her Directive; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the Local Travel Order provided that it would be reviewed at least every 14 days by the Health Officer in consultation with Barton Memorial Hospital executives and other leaders in South Lake Tahoe; and


WHEREAS, the Health Officer formally attested to the California Department of Public Health on May 8, 2020 that El Dorado County had exceeded the State's minimum standards of readiness to move into Stage 2 of the COVID 19 Resilience Roadmap; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, the State officially accepted the Health Officer's attestation of demonstrated readiness and the County's plan for the County to move into Stage 2; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Health Officer's attestation, Barton Memorial Hospital expressed that it has built sufficient staffing and facility surge capacity and personal protective equipment supplies should an influx of COVID-19 patients occur, and the Health Officer expressed that the County has sufficient COVID-19 testing capacity, contact-tracing capacity, and a plan for monitoring COVID-19 indicators that includes regular consultation with a health expert panel consisting of the Health Officer, the County's epidemiologist, and physician leaders from both hospitals in the County; and

WHEREAS, with the above measures having been established, the Health Officer is satisfied that the ability to detect and respond to concerning trends prior to their resulting in the healthcare system in South Lake Tahoe becoming overtaxed balances any potential increase in cases arising from rescission of the Local Travel Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, the El Dorado County Health Officer hereby rescinds the Local Travel Order issued on April 3 and extended on April 30, effective immediately, thereby removing the County's ban of all nonessential travel into the El Dorado County portion of the South Lake Tahoe Basin from outside the Basin. However, rescission of the Order does not materially change the requirement for everyone to continue to avoid nonessential travel throughout the State of California, including into the Lake Tahoe Basin, which remains in effect until rescinded by the State.



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Date