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San Joaquin County Public Health Officer and Director of Emergency Services Issue Updated Stay-At-Home Order

Order repeals and replaces said order from March 21, 2020

(Stockton) This evening, Maggie Park, M.D., San Joaquin County Public Health Officer, and Marcia Cunningham, Director of Emergency Services issued an updated stay-at-home order for the citizens of San Joaquin County. This order is effective as of 11:59pm on 3/26/2020.

The updated order is due to evidence of an accelerated incidence of COVID-19 within San Joaquin County and throughout Northern California, indicating that additional efforts must be implemented to slow the rate of spread. While the order indicates there were 77 cases when signed, as of this release, there were 83 confirmed COVID-19 cases (up six cases from this morning) and three deaths to date in San Joaquin County.

The order updates and clarifies some language and references from the previous order, such as ordering all bars, wineries and brewpubs to be closed, all in-dining at restaurants to cease - except home delivery and takeout - and all gyms, bingo halls, golf courses, and card rooms to close. All public and private gatherings of any number outside a household or living unit is prohibited.

Travel is only allowed for essential activities, such as those essential to health and safety, to obtain necessary supplies and services for themselves or family, or to perform work as an Essential Critical Infrastructure Worker. When citizens engage in outdoor activities, they are to comply with social distancing requirements and are not to use parks and or public playground equipment. The order further clarifies the travel requirements.

COVID-19 positive cases have increased significantly over the last week. There are increasing instances where some individuals who contract COVID-19 virus have no symptoms or have mild symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus.

“Since people without symptoms can transmit the disease and evidence shows the disease is easily spread, it is imperative that public activities which can result in preventable transmission of the virus must be stopped or significantly limited,” cautioned Dr. Park. “It’s up to every one of us to take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19, help to preserve critical and limited capacity in our healthcare system and save lives. This updated Order takes urgent action to implement those necessary restrictions.”

Attachment: Updated Order dated 3/26/2020.

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