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CLARIFICATION OF PERMITTED BUSINESS REOPENING TIMELINES AND GUIDANCE IN MONO COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES

June 10, 2020 - On June 5, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released guidance for additional business sectors permitted to open in Expanded Stage 2 (with Attestation), no sooner than June 12 upon local Public Health Officer approval. Following review of the CDPH's guidance and weighing the epidemiology and readiness of the county to ensure the health and safety of employees and patrons, the Unified Command Emergency Operations Center and Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Public Health Officer, are in the process of finalizing local guidance.

The following business sectors are permitted to reopen on **Friday**, **June 12** with self-certification to modifications based on state and local guidance:

- Hotels/Lodging (for tourism and individual travel) in unincorporated Mono County ONLY
- Hotels/Lodging (for tourism and individual travel) are permitted to reopen in the Town of Mammoth Lakes on Friday, June 19. Newly issued State Guidance is under review to address local questions, however, local guidance will require a minimum 24-hour gap between visitor stays (ending July 3).
- Bars, Breweries, and Wineries;
- Campgrounds and RV Parks (private campgrounds and RV parks already permitted to open);
- Childcare;
- Day Camps;
- Family Entertainment Centers, such as Mammoth Rock N Bowl and Minaret Cinemas;
- Fitness Facilities;

- Museums and Galleries;
- Outdoor Recreation; and,
- Swimming Pools.

Local guidance for these business sectors is expected to be released no later than Thursday, June 11 and will be posted to the Business Resources page of the Mono County Coronavirus Response web portal (monohealth.com/coronavirus) when it is available. Businesses classified within these sectors may prepare for reopening by reviewing state guidance now, and local guidance upon release. It is important to note that local guidance may be more restrictive than state guidance and businesses must comply with whichever of the two is more restrictive.

Every business in Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes should review the applicable <u>State Industry Guidelines</u>, <u>Mono County Business Guidance</u>, and <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> (FAQ) online at MonoHealth.com/Coronavirus to prepare for reopening. Every business in Mono County is required to self-report on meeting all applicable County, State, and Federal requirements using the <u>SELF-CERTIFICATION PORTAL</u>. Once the Mono County guidelines are determined and/or revised based on the state guidelines, the Portal will be updated. Additional information regarding the state guidelines for the sectors can be viewed online: https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties.

Please be aware that leisure travel, while no longer prohibited by the State of California, continues to be discouraged during the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency. Travel spreads disease. This is not a good time for vacation; it is safer to stay at home or stay local. The CDPH directive states, "Even though businesses around the state are opening up, avoid traveling long distances for vacations or pleasure as much as possible. This is to slow the spread of the Coronavirus. Do not travel if you are sick, or if someone in your household has had Coronavirus in the last two weeks. Do not travel with someone who is sick."

For additional information regarding business sector reopening guidelines, please send an email to: coviD19Help@mono.ca.gov, or contact the Emergency Operations Center at (760) 932-5650. Please contact your local Chamber of Commerce for information or resources related to your business operating during the Coronavirus pandemic.