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REGIONAL STAY-AT-HOME ORDER FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION EXTENDED INDEFINITELY

December 29, 2020 - The Unified Command Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is advising Mono County residents and visitors that the Southern California Region four-week projections provided by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) demonstrate adult Intensive Care Unit (ICU) demand continues to exceed capacity resulting in the indefinite extension of the Regional Stay-at-Home Order (RSAHO).

The State officially announced the Region's four-week adult ICU projections at noon on Tuesday, December 29, 2020. Based on four regional inputs, including ICU capacity, 7-day average case rates, transmission rate (Reff), and rate of ICU admission, the four-week projections for the Southern California Region exceeds current ICU capacity. Projections are made on a daily basis and published on the State's [website](#).

The Regional Stay-at-Home Order will be lifted when regional available adult ICU bed capacity is greater than or equal to 15% and is projected to remain above that level for the subsequent four weeks. At the end of the Stay-at-Home period, each county within the Region will be assigned to a tier based on the Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

Business sector status, such as retail, restaurants, offices, or places of worship and political expression can be found on the Blueprint for a Safer Economy [website](#).

On December 24, 2020, California hit a sobering milestone by surpassing 2 million positive COVID-19 (Coronavirus) cases. *"While this means we are leveraging our testing capacity, it is a reminder that this virus continues to spread through our communities,"* said Dr. Mark Ghaly, Secretary of California's

Health and Human Services Agency. *"Hospitals are full, ICU beds are few, people are dying. The simplest thing we can do, but also the most significant, is to stay home. We are the first line of defense against this virus and we must act now."*

The indefinite extension of the RSAHO means that the Mono County Public Health Officer Order related to Lodging Facilities issued on December 5, 2020, (or as amended) remains in effect and shall be in effect until the Southern California Region is no longer subject to the RSAHO, or Mono County is otherwise released from the coverage of that Order.

Lodging Reservation Restrictions

The December 5, 2020 Mono County Public Health Officer Order (or as amended) clarifies the State Order prohibiting the use (renting or leasing) of short-term lodging for recreational or leisure purposes, and limits lodging to people engaged in essential services (support of critical infrastructure sectors including pandemic response). This applies to lodging facilities operating within the Town of Mammoth Lakes and unincorporated Mono County, with a limited exception in the RSAHO applicable to travelers from out of state who must quarantine for 14 days unless approved as providing essential services. Travelers in quarantine will need to demonstrate their ability to provide for all of their needs without leaving their lodging for the 14-day quarantine period. Homeowners are permitted to utilize their property during the RSAHO, however, no other guests or individuals outside of the owner's immediate family household may occupy the property on a short-term basis (i.e., less than 31 days), unless they fall within an exception to the Stay-at-Home Order.

Town of Mammoth Lakes - Lodging reservations during the RSAHO are only permitted as identified in the December 5, 2020 [Lodging Order](#) (or as amended). The Town has provided a [Transient Rental Restriction Exemption Claim Form](#) to facilitate lodging for essential workers. This form and the required supporting documentation are required to be submitted for approval to the Town Finance Department via email: documents@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov. Please contact the Town of Mammoth Lakes Finance Department at (760) 965-3660 for additional information or for assistance completing this form.

Mono County - Lodging operators in Mono County are responsible for ensuring nightly rental guests meet one of the exemptions under the Order. The "***Mono County COVID-19 Overnight Rental Guest Registration Questionnaire***" form (accessible from the Business section on the Mono County COVID-19 Portal) must be filled out completely and signed by both the guest and lodging operator, or the

lodging operator must track compliance using a comparable system with similar detail. Mono County may request tracking forms and the required documentation to audit compliance and respond to complaints. For questions, please email covid19help@mono.ca.gov. To report violations, please email covid19violations@mono.ca.gov. Violation complaints are confidential and are more effective if evidence, such as photos or other documentation, are provided along with details such as date, time, and address.

Travel Advisory

On November 13, 2020, CDPH issued a travel advisory for non-essential travel. **Californians are encouraged to stay home or in their region and avoid non-essential travel to other states or countries.** Avoiding travel can reduce the risk of virus transmission and bringing the virus back to California. People arriving in California from other states or countries, including returning California residents, should practice self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival. These people should limit their interactions to their immediate household.

Limited Stay at Home Order

The limited Stay-at-Home Order or “curfew” was extended by the state and requires that all gatherings with members of other households and all activities conducted outside the residence, lodging, or temporary accommodation with members of other households cease between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., except for those activities associated with the operation, maintenance, or usage of critical infrastructure or required by law. This Order does not apply to persons experiencing homelessness.

Details on the CDPH’s Regional Stay-at-Home Order can be accessed here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#regional-stay-home-order>.

Additional information regarding the Blueprint for a Safer Economy is available online: <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/> or by visiting the Mono County COVID-19 Portal in English: **MonoHealth.com/Coronavirus** or Spanish: <https://monohealth.com/coronavirus-es>.

Cover. Distance. Wash and **#StaySafeToStayOpen!**

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