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TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES RESCINDS SHORT-TERM LODGING ORDER

Mammoth Lakes, CA – Effective March 11, 2021, the Town of Mammoth Lakes will be rescinding the [February 26, 2021 Short-term Lodging Order](#).

Short-term lodging facilities (including, but not limited to, hotels, motels, condo/hotels, short-term or vacation rentals such as those rented through Airbnb or similar rental platforms, timeshares, bed and breakfast establishments, cabins, RV parks, campgrounds, private residence clubs, and other similar units) are no longer subject to the requirements of the [February 26, 2021 Order](#), but shall comply with applicable orders, regulations, and guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health, other state agencies or staff, and the Mono County Health Officer.

"The decision to rescind the Town's local lodging order is due to ongoing review of COVID-19 metrics impacting our community. We have exceeded expectation for vaccinations. The positivity rate for COVID-19 has continued to decline demonstrating a lower rate of disease spread. The number of cases per 100,000 population has also trended downward, with the most recent State reported number of 7.2 cases. Even with the last State numbers resulting in Mono County remaining in the Purple Tier the overall trends in cases, positivity rates and vaccinations provide data supporting the elimination of the Town of Mammoth Lakes local Lodging Order," stated Daniel C. Holler, Town Manager.

The rescinding of the order means that short-term lodging operators are not required to leave units vacant for a minimum period of 24 hours between occupancies. The Town does recommend the continuation of enhanced sanitization procedures as outlined in [State Guidance](#) for the health and safety of lodging employees and guests.

This includes use of PPE and thoroughly cleaning/sanitizing rooms, appliances and soft goods between each short-term lodging reservation.

Lodging Amenities

Lodging operations are to follow state guidelines related to fitness centers, hot tubs, pools or other amenities (<https://covid19.ca.gov/>).

COVID-19 Testing

All Mono County residents and visitors are asked to do their part to #StaySafeToStayOpen. To do this, the COVID-19 Unified Command Emergency Operations Center continues to emphasize the value and importance of continued weekly surveillance testing for asymptomatic individuals.

COVID-19 Testing is offered in Mammoth Lakes by OptumServe every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11:00am to 7:00pm at the Mammoth Lakes Foundation (100 College Parkway). Testing is at no cost for all individuals regardless of insurance status. Appointments are preferred but not required and walk-ins are welcome. Please visit the COVID-19 testing page for additional information and registration details: <https://coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov/pages/health>.

Vaccinate Mono

Mono County still leads the state in the number of doses administered by the recipient's county of residence (based on doses per 100,000 population). As of March 8, the county received 11,189 doses and has fully vaccinated 4,257 Mono County residents (administered two doses). The Public Health Department has scheduled vaccination clinics through the month of March and expect to immunize the majority of eligible residents during this time.

All Mono County residents who want to be immunized need to [pre-register for vaccination](#), regardless of whether you are immediately eligible. Second homeowners and visitors are currently not eligible to receive the vaccine in Mono County.

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. Wash. Distance #staysafetostayopen #VaccinateMono

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