

MONO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Public Health Officer Order: Lodging Restrictions
within the Town of Mammoth Lakes

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This Order imposes new requirements on lodging facilities within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, supersedes and replaces the June 18th Health Officer Order regulating lodging within the Town, and emphasizes existing State requirements, for the protection of visitors and residents (including the hospitality workforce).

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency was issued by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2020, and local emergencies have been declared in both Mono County and in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, in response to the virus COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health discourages non-essential travel as a means to slow the spread of COVID-19, and California’s Executive Order N-33-20 remains in effect, limiting activities throughout the State including travel for non-essential purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mammoth Lakes is a popular travel destination and is laid out in a manner that results in the concentration of visitors and residents within a small geographic area with a limited number of businesses to provide essential services and supplies; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2020, Mono County was placed on the statewide monitoring list due to significant increases in the number of COVID-19 cases, the vast majority of which were within the Town of Mammoth Lakes and nearby areas; and

WHEREAS, there is limited critical healthcare infrastructure, including hospital beds, ventilators and workers, within the Town of Mammoth Lakes and/or Mono County capable of adequately treating mass numbers of patients at a single time – should the virus spread unchecked; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, limitations on lodging occupancy within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, reinforcement of State-mandated cleaning standards for lodging facilities and the imposition of a visitor notification requirement are deemed necessary to protect travelers to and residents of Mammoth Lakes from infection and to preserve the region’s limited healthcare capacity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority of California Health and Safety Code sections 101040, 101085 and 120175 and Title 17 California Code of Regulations, Section 2501, the Mono County Health Officer **HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING ORDERS**, which shall be applicable **within the incorporated Town of Mammoth Lakes**:

1. Short-term lodging facilities (including short-term rentals, vacation rentals, Air BnBs, timeshares, or similar units) shall comply with the following:

- a. A 24-hour vacancy period shall be provided between each occupancy (with the exception of cleaning staff with appropriate PPE). This requirement shall apply to all occupancies beginning August 24, 2020, regardless of when reservations were made.
- b. In accordance with State requirements applicable to the lodging industry, all bedding and linens shall be laundered between each occupancy without exception.
- c. In accordance with State requirements applicable to the lodging industry, all kitchen supplies shall be washed between guests.
- d. Cleaning staff shall be provided with adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) and shall wear such PPE while cleaning.

2. Hotels and Condo/Hotels shall comply with the following:

- a. Occupancy levels shall be limited to 70% of capacity over a 7-day period extending from Monday through Sunday of each week. This requirement shall apply to all occupancies beginning August 24, 2020, regardless of when reservations were made.
- b. In accordance with State requirements applicable to the lodging industry, all bedding and linens shall be laundered between each occupancy without exception.
- c. In accordance with State requirements applicable to the lodging industry, all kitchen supplies shall be washed between guests.
- d. Cleaning staff shall be provided with adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) and shall wear such PPE while cleaning.
- e. It is recommended, but not required, that rooms/units be left vacant for a 24-hour period between each occupancy (with the exception of cleaning staff with appropriate PPE).

3. “COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Hotels, Lodging and Short-Term Rentals” released by the State of California on June 5, and updated on July 29, 2020, (“State Guidance”) and “Interim Guidelines for Lodging Facilities” and the “General Business Guidelines” issued by Mono County Public Health on June 12, 2020, (“Local Guidance”) remain in effect and are applicable statewide. Where the State Guidance uses permissive language (such as “should” or “consider”), such references shall be considered requirements and are hereby made mandatory within

the Town of Mammoth Lakes, except that State Guidance recommending that portable high-efficiency air cleaners be installed, air filters be upgraded and other modifications be made to increase ventilation shall remain recommendations and are not made mandatory by this Order. In the case of conflict, the stricter of the State Guidance or the Local Guidance shall prevail.

4. Pool areas are restricted to use by members of a single household/living unit only.
5. Hot tubs, saunas, jacuzzies, steam rooms, or similar facilities are to remain closed.
6. Indoor fitness centers are to remain closed.
7. All reservations and stays shall include only members of a single household/living unit.
8. Advertising or posting of hotel, condo/hotel or other short-term rental units for rent within the Town of Mammoth Lakes on any platform shall include the following language: *Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20, and associated guidance of the California Public Health Officer, continue to apply statewide. These advise Californians to "avoid travelling 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."*
9. This order shall supersede and replace, in its entirety, the June 18, 2020, order of the Public Health Officer regarding lodging within Mammoth Lakes. The restrictions imposed by this Order will be reviewed as needed and shall remain in effect until April 30, 2021 unless, modified, repealed or extended.

General Provisions

1. This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 disease, also known as "novel coronavirus".
2. This Order is issued based on evidence of transmission of COVID-19, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.
3. This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, by referencing restrictions issued by the State of California and providing additional clarifications within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide. As the presence of individuals increases,

the difficulty and magnitude of tracing individuals who may have been exposed to a case rises exponentially.

4. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the: March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 15, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in Mono County; the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mono proclaiming the existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Mono regarding COVID-19 and ratifying and extending the Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to COVID-19; the guidance issued on March 11, 2020 by the California Department of Public Health regarding large gatherings of 250 people or more; Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 of March 12, 2020 preparing the State to commandeer hotels and other places of temporary residence, medical facilities, and other facilities that are suitable as places of temporary residence or medical facilities as necessary for quarantining, isolating or treating individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had a high-risk exposure and are thought to be in the incubation period; the guidance issued on March 15, 2020 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials through the United States and around the world recommending the cancellation of gatherings involving more than fifty (50) or more persons in a single space at the same time; the March 16, 2020 order of the Public Health Officer prohibiting all gatherings with expected presence above ten (10) individuals; and Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 of March 19, 2020 ordering all persons to stay at home to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.
5. This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101030, et seq.; Health and Safety Code sections 120100, et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.
6. To the extent necessary, pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all Chiefs of Police in the County ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order.
7. This Order is made because of the propensity of the virus to spread person-to-person and also because the virus is causing physical property loss or damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.
8. Copies of this Order shall promptly be posted on the County of Mono's Public Health Department's website (monohealth.com) and provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

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For Mono County
and the Town of Mammoth Lakes

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