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## MONO COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ISSUES ORDER ON GATHERINGS

### *Order Clarifies Gathering Restrictions, Establishes Limits on Outdoor Wedding Ceremonies*

**August 1, 2020** – Yesterday, Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Public Health Officer, issued an updated Public Health Order (Order) clarifying the restrictions placed on gatherings, and establishing limits on outdoor wedding ceremonies, which are permitted. The Order is effective immediately, and violations may be punishable by law.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) defines gatherings as *“meetings or other events that bring together persons from multiple households at the same time for a shared or group experience in a single room, space, or place such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, or other indoor or outdoor space.”*

### **Key Components of Public Health Order**

1. Gatherings of persons from different household units remain prohibited, regardless of size, except for gatherings that are specifically excluded from the prohibition by Order and Guidance issued by the CDPH, including relevant industry Guidance, which currently includes religious and cultural gatherings and political protests. Details can be accessed here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>.
2. Religions and cultural gatherings may only be held outdoors as long as the State Public Health Officer Order pertaining to counties on the State Monitoring List remains in effect.

3. Wedding ceremonies shall be restricted to 30 persons, including the wedding party and guests. Wedding receptions and other parties or gatherings of people from different household units are not permitted as part of or in conjunction with the wedding ceremony.

All Mono County residents and visitors are asked to do their part to **#StaySafeToStayOpen**. This is more than a hashtag – it needs to become a way of life. Continued increases in infection rates or new impacts to Mammoth Hospital will require additional restrictions, which will have harmful economic effects on workers, businesses and the community at large.

*“Throughout California we believe that informal gatherings of friends and relatives who don’t live in the same household are helping to drive this epidemic. Distancing is the single most important thing that we all can do to prevent the spread of infections. Face coverings are required throughout California at all times in indoor public settings and outdoors when distancing is not possible. And please keep washing those hands and cleaning those surfaces,”* stated Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Public Health Officer. *“Most importantly, please stay home when you are ill and seek testing and care if you are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19. Employers and employees must work together to ensure ill persons stay home from work. Violations are punishable by law.”*

Additional information regarding the County Monitoring List, 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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