

## **STAY WELL AT HOME**

### **ORDER OF THE VENTURA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER**

#### **ORDER EXTENDING THE HEALTH OFFICER'S ORDER DATED MARCH 17, 2020, AND IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESSES**

**DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 31, 2020**

**Please read this Order carefully. This Order extends the expiration date of the Health Officer's March 17, 2020, Order to April 19, 2020, and imposes additional limitations on the activities of persons and entities. The Health Officer's March 20, 2020, Order remains in place, except where inconsistent with more restrictive limitations set out in this Order.**

**Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 120295 et seq., violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.**

PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 101040, 101085 AND 120175 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF VENTURA COUNTY HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Intent.** The intent of this Order is to (a) extend the duration of the Health Officer's Order dated March 17, 2020, to April 19, 2020; (b) keep the Health Officer's March 20, 2020, Order in place except that any more restrictive limitations in this Order shall control; (c) impose new and additional limitations on the activities of persons and entities that are more restrictive than the existing orders; and (d) clarify that a violation of the Health Officer's Orders by a business may subject the business to liability under the state's unfair competition law as well as other civil and criminal penalties.

The main intent of all Orders, including this Order, is to limit the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible by keeping all persons in their places of residence to the maximum extent possible. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of these Orders constitutes an imminent threat to public health.


2. **March 17, 2020, and March 20, 2020, Orders.** This Order supplements and extends the Orders dated March 17, 2020, and March 20, 2020, both of which shall remain in full force and effect, except where inconsistent with more restrictive limitations set out in this Order, for the duration of this Order.
3. **Procedures for take-out restaurants and entities.** Licensed, permanent food facilities that have been allowed under the current Orders to prepare and offer food via delivery service, pick-up or drive-thru must comply with the following procedures:

- a. Containers required. All food must be completely contained in a suitable container before being transferred to a customer. For example, ice cream cones are not allowed; ice cream scoops in a covered container are allowed.
  - b. Must consume food away from premises. The exception for take-out food activities is designed to enable persons who are confined to their places of residence to obtain prepared food to take back to their places of residence for consumption. The take-out food shall not be consumed anywhere within the line-of-sight of a person standing in front of the facility that sold the food.
  - c. Six-foot spacing must be maintained. All persons waiting in line or otherwise congregating outside a food facility selling food via take-out, delivery or drive-thru shall maintain a distance of at least six feet from all other persons. Current Orders already require that all persons inside the facility must maintain a distance of at least six feet from other persons.
4. Essential Businesses must limit activities to essential goods and services. The March 20, 2020, Order required all businesses, except Essential Businesses, to close. The primary purpose for this exception is to provide support for persons required to stay at home or work from home. In some cases, business types were deemed essential because they supported the maintenance of Essential Infrastructure, Essential Governmental Functions or Services, or Healthcare Operations. However, it is determined that the activities of businesses deemed to be Essential Businesses should be limited to the provision of those goods and services essential to the overall intent of the Health Officer's Orders.  
Therefore:
  - a. Grocery stores, certified farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, convenience stores and other establishments that sell food, beverages, pet supplies or household products (such as cleaning and personal care products) necessary to the safe, sanitary and essential operation of places of residence, that are open to the public, shall not sell any goods other than those described in this subsection (a). The sale of items not listed herein, such as clothing, jewelry, sporting goods, furniture, etc., is prohibited.
  - b. Only businesses whose primary business is the sale of food, beverages, pet supplies or household products (such as cleaning and personal care products) qualify as an Essential Business under subdivision (a) above. For example, a tobacco or vape store that sells a minimal amount of snacks and water as a side business does not qualify as a grocery store, convenience store or similar establishment. Items, the sale of which constitutes less than 33 percent of a business's gross sales over the last six months, are deemed to be minimal.
  - c. Automobile dealerships may remain open only to operate repair shops and/or auto parts supply stores. Showroom facilities shall be closed, and on-premise sales activities shall cease.
5. Swimming pools and hot tubs to close. The following facilities shall be closed to all persons: All swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, saunas, steam rooms and similar facilities, except those located at a single-family residence, which shall be used only by members of the household residing at the single-family residence.

6. Campgrounds and RV parks to close. All public and private campgrounds and recreational vehicle (RV) parks are to close, except that persons who certify that their RV is their primary residence may be permitted to stay in the RV park. All persons residing in an RV shall comply with all Orders otherwise applicable to residents.
7. Admittance to long-term care facilities. Long-Term Care Facilities may not refuse to admit any person who has been diagnosed with or treated for COVID-19 after that person has been discharged from a health care facility and approved for admittance to a Long-Term Care Facility by the Ventura County Public Health Department.
  - a. For purposes of this section, “Long-Term Care Facility” means a long-term care facility, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, congregate living health facility, nursing facility, hospice facility, residential care facility for the elderly, residential facility, or community care facility as defined in Health and Safety Code sections 1250, 1502, 1503.5 and 1569, and regulations promulgated thereunder, as they may be amended from time to time.
8. Door-to-door solicitations must cease. Door-to-door solicitations, whether for purposes of sales of goods or services, charitable contributions, signature-gathering or any other commercial or noncommercial purpose, do not constitute Essential Activities or Essential Businesses pursuant to the Order dated March 20, 2020, and, if currently occurring, are occurring in violation of that Order and shall immediately cease.
9. Retail food and beverage facilities. The Public Health Officer recognizes the authority of the Ventura County Environmental Health Division as stated in “Coronavirus COVID-19 Guidance for Food Facilities,” and strongly advises all food and beverage facilities to comply with the guidance.
10. Definition of businesses. The terms “business” and “businesses” as used in this Order and the Orders dated March 17, 2020, and March 20, 2020, include any for-profit, non-profit or educational entities (including sole proprietorships, corporations, firms, partnerships, limited liability companies, joint stock companies, associations and other organizations of persons), regardless of the nature of their services or the functions they perform.
11. Violation may constitute unfair competition. Any person that, after notice, operates, manages, maintains or occupies, or continues to operate, manage, maintain or occupy, any business in violation of this Order, the Order dated March 17, 2020, or the Order dated March 20, 2020, may, in addition or in the alternative to any other civil and criminal penalties allowed by law, be subject to liability under the Unfair Competition Law (chapter 5 of part 2 of division 7 of the Business and Professions Code, commencing at section 17200), and subject to civil penalties and other relief as provided therein, for each act or practice in violation of the Orders, or any of them.

12. Compliance. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. 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 enforce this Order.
13. Effective date and time. This Order shall become effective and operative at 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2020, and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
14. Continuing assessment. The Health Officer will continue to assess the quickly evolving situation regarding the spread of COVID-19, may issue additional orders related to COVID-19 and will review this Order within two weeks of its effective date.
15. Copies of Order. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of Ventura Public Health Office, 2240 East Gonzalez Road, Suite 210, Oxnard, California, 93036; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department website (available at [www.vchca.org/ph](http://www.vchca.org/ph)); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
16. Severability. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

  
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Robert Levin, M.D.  
Ventura County Health Officer

Dated: March 31, 2020

## **STAY WELL AT HOME**

### **ORDER OF THE VENTURA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER**

#### **ORDER DIRECTING PERSONS LIVING IN THE COUNTY OF VENTURA TO STAY AT THEIR PLACES OF RESIDENCE AND RESTRICTING NON-ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

**DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 20, 2020**

**Please read this Order carefully. This Order supplements the Health Officer's Order dated March 17, 2020, and the Governor's Executive Order N-33-20 dated March 19, 2020. All prior orders of the Health Officer remain in place.**

PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 101040, 101085 AND 120175 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF VENTURA COUNTY HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Intent. Consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N-33-20, the intent of this Order is to ensure that the maximum number of persons stay in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential services to continue, to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. When persons need to leave their places of residence, whether to obtain or perform vital services, or to otherwise facilitate authorized activities necessary for continuity of social and commercial life, they should at all times reasonably possible comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined below. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent and to be consistent with and in furtherance of the Governor's Executive Order N-33-20. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.
2. Persons to stay in places of residence. All persons currently living within Ventura County are ordered to stay at their places of residence, as required by the Governor's Executive Order N-33-20, subject to the exemptions set forth in this Order. This Order applies to all persons in the incorporated cities and the entire unincorporated area of Ventura County (the "County"). To the extent persons are outside of their places of residence, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from any other person.

Persons of all ages may leave their places of residence for the purpose of physical activity by themselves or with members of their household in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, such as walking, running, bicycling or working around their places of residence, including gardening. Persons experiencing homelessness are exempt from this section, but are strongly urged to obtain shelter, and governmental and other entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent practicable (and to use Social Distancing Requirements in their operation).

3. Exemptions to the order to stay in places of residence. Except for persons governed by section 1 of the Health Officer's Order dated March 17, 2020, persons may leave their places of residence only for Essential Activities and Essential Governmental Functions or Services or to operate or work at Essential Businesses. (All capitalized terms in this Order are defined in section 7 below.)
4. Businesses to close. All businesses with a facility in the County, except Essential Businesses, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the County except Minimum Basic Operations. For clarity, businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own places of residence. All Essential Businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements, including for any customers standing in line. For the purposes of this Order, businesses as used in this section include any for-profit, non-profit or educational entities, regardless of the nature of their services, the functions they perform, or their corporate or entity structure.
5. Gatherings of more than 10 persons prohibited. All public and private gatherings of more than 10 persons who are not part of a single household or living unit are prohibited, except for gatherings as part of the operation of an Essential Business. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit within a place of residence or the operation of a shelter for persons experiencing homelessness.
6. Travel prohibited. All travel, including, but not limited to, travel on motorcycle, automobile or public transit, except for Essential Travel and Essential Activities, is prohibited. Persons may use public transit only for purposes of performing Essential Activities or to travel to and from work at Essential Businesses or to maintain, provide or receive Essential Governmental Functions or Services. Persons riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements, to the greatest extent feasible. This Order allows travel into or out of the County to perform Essential Activities, operate Essential Businesses or to maintain or provide Essential Governmental Functions or Services.
7. Definitions and exemptions.

For the purposes of this Order:

- a. Essential Activities. Persons may leave their places of residence only to perform any of the following "Essential Activities" (but persons at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and persons who are sick are urged to stay in their places of residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care):
  - i. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including pets), such as, by way of example, obtaining medical supplies

or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies needed to work from a place of residence.

- ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish and poultry, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of places of residence.
- iii. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the persons comply with Social Distancing Requirements, such as, by way of example, walking, hiking, running, bicycling or yard work.
- iv. To perform work providing products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.
- v. To care for a family member or pet in another household.

- b. Healthcare Operation. Persons may leave their places of residence to work for or obtain services at any “Healthcare Operation,” including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other licensed healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services, including blood donation centers. “Healthcare Operation” also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. “Healthcare Operation” does not include fitness and exercise gyms, aquatic centers and similar facilities.
- c. Essential Infrastructure. Persons may leave their places of residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of “Essential Infrastructure,” which means and includes, but is not limited to, public works construction, construction of housing (in particular affordable housing or housing for persons experiencing homelessness), airport and port operations, military installations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil and gas production and refining including associated businesses and activities, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, funeral homes and cemeteries, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, to the extent possible. All U.S. Department of Defense activities are categorically exempt from this Order.
- d. Essential Governmental Functions or Services. Government functions or services performed by first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel, and others who need to perform essential governmental functions or services, as such may be

determined by the governmental entity performing those functions or providing such services, shall be considered “Essential Governmental Functions or Services.” All persons who perform Essential Governmental Functions or Services are categorically exempt from this Order. Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any person from performing or accessing Essential Governmental Functions or Services. Each governmental entity shall identify and designate appropriate employees or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions or Services. All Essential Governmental Functions or Services shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, to the extent possible.

- e. Essential Businesses. “Essential Businesses” means:
- i. Healthcare Operations and Essential Infrastructure;
  - ii. Grocery stores, certified farmers’ markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned or frozen food, dry goods, beverages, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of places of residence;
  - iii. Any form of agricultural production and processing, including the cultivation of products for personal consumption or use, including farming and services provided by farmworkers, ranching, livestock, and fishing, as well as business activities that support production and processing by providing essential agricultural supplies and services, including transportation, manufacturing, equipment, and services such as cooling, storing, packaging, and distribution of such products for wholesale or retail sale, provided that, to the extent possible, such businesses comply with Social Distancing Requirements and otherwise provide for the health and safety of their employees;
  - iv. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged, compromised or otherwise needy persons;
  - v. Newspapers and television, radio, and other media services;
  - vi. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities;
  - vii. Banks and related financial institutions;
  - viii. Hardware stores;
  - ix. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of places of residence, Essential Activities and Essential Businesses;
  - x. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
  - xi. Educational institutions, including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities, for purposes of facilitating distance learning or



- performing essential functions, in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, to the greatest extent possible;
- xii. Laundromats, drycleaners and laundry service providers;
  - xiii. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so under this Order on the condition that the food is provided to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. Schools and other entities that provide food services under this exemption shall not permit the food to be eaten at the site where it is provided, or at any other gathering site;
  - xiv. Businesses that supply products needed for persons to work from their places of residence;
  - xv. Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate, including, by way of example, businesses that manufacture products for ultimate use in a Healthcare Operation;
  - xvi. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to places of residence;
  - xvii. Airlines, taxis and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;
  - xviii. Home-based care for seniors, adults or children;
  - xix. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults and children;
  - xx. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities;
  - xxi. Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted. Childcare facilities must operate under the following mandatory conditions:
    - 1. Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer (“stable” means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day).
    - 2. Children shall not change from one group to another.
    - 3. If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other.
    - 4. Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.
  - xxii. Hotels, motels, bed-and-breakfast establishments and other businesses that provide transient occupancy for visitors to the County, provided that such businesses require their patrons to stay in place as otherwise required by this Order.
  - xxiii. Commercial construction provided that such activity implements Social Distancing Requirements to the extent feasible and otherwise provides for the health and safety of employees.

- f. Minimum Basic Operations. “Minimum Basic Operations” means and includes the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:
    - i. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business’s inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions.
    - ii. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their places of residence.
  
  - g. Essential Travel. “Essential Travel” means and includes travel within or without the County, or between the various counties, for any of the following purposes, subject to Social Distancing Requirements:
    - i. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions or Services, Essential Businesses or Minimum Basic Operations.
    - ii. Travel to care for elderly persons, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
    - iii. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services.
    - iv. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the County.
    - v. Travel required by law enforcement or court order.
    - vi. Travel required for non-residents to return to their places of residence outside the County.
    - vii. Travel engaged in interstate commerce and otherwise subject to the provisions of the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution.
  
  - h. Hotels, etc. Places of residence include hotels, motels, shared rental units and similar facilities.
  
  - i. Social Distancing Requirements. “Social Distancing Requirements” means and includes maintaining at least a six-foot physical distance from other persons, washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer as frequently as possible, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.
8. Commercial laboratory test results. All commercial laboratories that test persons in the County for the presence of COVID-19 must report all test results (whether positive or negative) to the County Public Health Department laboratory within eight hours of receiving the test results.
9. Compliance. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. 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 enforce this Order.

10. Effective date and time. This Order shall become effective and operative at 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020, and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
11. Continuing assessment. The Health Officer will continue to assess the quickly evolving situation, may issue additional orders related to COVID-19 and will review this Order within two weeks of its effective date.
12. Copies of Order. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of Ventura Public Health Office, 2240 East Gonzalez Road, Suite 210, Oxnard, California, 93036; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department website (available at [www.vchca.org/ph](http://www.vchca.org/ph)); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
13. Severability. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.
14. March 17, 2020, Order. This Order supplements the Order dated March 17, 2020, which remains in full force and effect pursuant to its terms.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**



Robert Levin, M.D.  
Ventura County Health Officer

Dated: March 20, 2020

**Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 120295 et seq., violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.**

**HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR THE CONTROL OF COVID-19  
DIRECTING VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN  
THE COUNTY TO SHELTER AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE,  
RESTRICTIONS OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES, AMONG OTHER ORDERS  
DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 17, 2020**

**Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 120295 et seq.**

**WHEREAS**, the intent of this Order is to strengthen the steps the County of Ventura has already taken to protect our residents and particularly the most vulnerable in our population from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020 Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California is taking additional measures to protect those most at risk of serious, life-threatening complications from COVID-19, including urging those most vulnerable to COVID-19 to socially isolate at home, such as people age 65 and older and those with underlying medical conditions that make them more susceptible to serious illness from the coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of this Order is to ensure that specified individuals self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible, and all provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent; and

**WHEREAS**, social isolation is considered useful as a tool to control the spread of pandemic viral infections; and

**WHEREAS**, social isolation is the shared responsibility of all individuals in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, this Order is issued based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 within the County and scientific evidence that the age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the County places it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed and that one proven way to slow the transmission is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable;

**WHEREAS**, by reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this Order also helps preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, this Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public

health officials throughout the United States and around the world, including a variety of prior orders to combat the spread and harms of COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 101040, 101085 AND 120175 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. All individuals currently living within Ventura County, equal to or older than 75 years of age, or equal to or older than 70 years of age with an active or unstable comorbidity, are ordered to shelter at their place of residence from March 18, 2020 to April 1, 2020. To the extent such individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from any other person. Exceptions shall only exist as necessary to seek medical care, nutrition, or to perform essential work in healthcare or government.
2. All permanent food facilities, as defined by Health and Safety Code § 113849, may only prepare and offer food that is provided to customers via delivery service, via pick-up for takeout dining, and via drive-thru. Bars and nightclubs that offer food to consumers may remain open only for purposes of continuing to prepare and offer food to consumers via delivery service, via pick-up, or via drive-thru. Permanent food facilities that provide and offer food to consumers for pick up must require patrons or groups of patrons who are ordering food and beverages to be and remain at least six (6) feet apart from each other while inside the facility.
3. The following types of businesses are ordered to close (March 18, 2020 to April 1, 2020):
  - a. Bars and nightclubs that do not serve food.
  - b. Movie theaters, live performance venues, bowling alleys, and arcades.
  - c. Gyms, and fitness centers, and aquatic centers.
  - d. Wineries, breweries, and tap rooms that provide tastings.
4. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Newsom, the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency issued by the Health Officer, the March 17, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura Proclaiming a Local Emergency and Ratifying and Extending the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency, the March 12, 2020 State of California Executive Order N-25-20, and the March 16, 2020 California Department of Public Health guidance on Retail Food, Beverage, and Other Related Service Venues.
5. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes a threat to public health. 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 enforce this Order.

6. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 18, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
7. The Health Officer will continue to assess the quickly evolving situation and may issue additional Orders related to COVID-19.
8. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of Ventura Public Health Office at 2240 East Gonzalez Road, ste. 210, Oxnard, California 93036; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department website (available at [www.vchca.org/ph](http://www.vchca.org/ph)); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
9. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

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Robert Levin, M.D.  
Ventura County Health Officer

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