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Dear County Family,

While the past few weeks have been filled with many COVID-19 emergency challenges and this particular week was especially difficult, I am proud of the work we have done together to serve and support our fellow employees, the Board of Supervisors, our various elected leaders and the entire community of Orange County. I truly appreciate your hard work and dedication.

Please see attached for Governor Newsom's latest Order from last night. Please take a few minutes and read the Order. The Order communicates that workers in all businesses sectors throughout the State of California stay at home/work from home. The exceptions are in 16 different categories; link: <https://www.cisa.gov/critical-infrastructure-sectors> including government operations. The Order purposely excluded local government because it is critical that County government be able to continue to provide essential services. It is fortunate that over the past week many steps had already been taken to reduce the number of employees reporting to work and transitioning to telecommuting. Each department is continually evaluating which employees are critical to working from County facilities or field locations and trying to increase the number that can telecommute. This will continue to be a decision that each department will make to ensure we balance the provision of vital services with the latest Order and the goal of having employees stay home.

Yesterday we sent out Version 2 of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) list. It now includes 35 of the most common questions with specific answers. We hear that employees and supervisors have found these communications helpful. A new version will come out whenever needed. Please know that guidance given by the State and Federal agencies continues to change and evolve so fast that our team is working hard to interpret the changes and apply them to our organization. Our interest is to understand the changes and communicate them to all of you as soon as possible. As we adapt to future changes and new questions develop, continue to communicate with your supervisor or HR staff as needed. Alternatively, employees may also send your questions to [CEOCOM@ocgov.com](mailto:CEOCOM@ocgov.com) and we will respond to the questions as soon as possible.

Finally, I want to thank the many employees and our service partners that have staffed the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) up at Loma Ridge this past week. The group has responded to hundreds of calls while working together to solve problems, secure resources and support the broader response to the external Orange County community. So many members of the County family play an essential role in the critical public health and safety needs of our community and your continued efforts are greatly appreciated. Have a safe weekend.

Stay informed on COVID-19 by visiting our website at <http://www.ochealthinfo.com>.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-33-20

**WHEREAS** on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** in a short period of time, COVID-19 has rapidly spread throughout California, necessitating updated and more stringent guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials; and

**WHEREAS** for the preservation of public health and safety throughout the entire State of California, I find it necessary for all Californians to heed the State public health directives from the Department of Public Health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8627, and 8665 do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 1) To preserve the public health and safety, and to ensure the healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all, and prioritizing those at the highest risk and vulnerability, all residents are directed to immediately heed the current State public health directives, which I ordered the Department of Public Health to develop for the current statewide status of COVID-19. Those directives are consistent with the March 19, 2020, Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response, found at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>. Those directives follow:

ORDER OF THE STATE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER  
March 19, 2020

To protect public health, I as State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health order all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, as outlined at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>. In addition, and in consultation with the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, I may designate additional sectors as critical in order to protect the health and well-being of all Californians.

Pursuant to the authority under the Health and Safety Code 120125, 120140, 131080, 120130(c), 120135, 120145, 120175 and 120150, this order is to go into effect immediately and shall stay in effect until further notice.

The federal government has identified 16 critical infrastructure sectors whose assets, systems, and networks, whether physical or virtual, are considered so vital to the United States that their incapacitation or

destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, economic security, public health or safety, or any combination thereof. I order that Californians working in these 16 critical infrastructure sectors may continue their work because of the importance of these sectors to Californians' health and well-being.

This Order is being issued to protect the public health of Californians. The California Department of Public Health looks to establish consistency across the state in order to ensure that we mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Our goal is simple, we want to bend the curve, and disrupt the spread of the virus.

The supply chain must continue, and Californians must have access to such necessities as food, prescriptions, and health care. When people need to leave their homes or places of residence, whether to obtain or perform the functions above, or to otherwise facilitate authorized necessary activities, they should at all times practice social distancing.

- 2) The healthcare delivery system shall prioritize services to serving those who are the sickest and shall prioritize resources, including personal protective equipment, for the providers providing direct care to them.
- 3) The Office of Emergency Services is directed to take necessary steps to ensure compliance with this Order.
- 4) This Order shall be enforceable pursuant to California law, including, but not limited to, Government Code section 8665.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 19th day of March 2020.

  
GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**



ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

