



County of Santa Cruz

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Public Health Division

AMENDED ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ REQUIRING QUARANTINE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE PRESUMPTIVELY OR CONFIRMED INFECTED WITH COVID-19

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295, *et seq.*; Cal. Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1).)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

1. The spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 has created a state of emergency in California and in Santa Cruz County. COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that poses a substantial danger to the people of Santa Cruz County. This Order is issued based on scientific evidence and best practices as currently known and available to protect vulnerable members of the public from the avoidable risk of serious illness or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19.
2. A person infected with or likely to have COVID-19 can easily spread the virus to others. “Quarantine” separates and restricts the movement of persons who, while not yet infected with COVID-19, have been exposed to COVID-19 and therefore may become infectious. Quarantine measures help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by separating these individuals from others.
3. All persons who have had close contact with a person presumptively or confirmed infected with COVID-19¹ must self-quarantine as referenced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html> or the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-19-Quarantine.aspx> – whichever is more restrictive.
4. All individuals who have been identified as having close contact with a person with COVID-19 must immediately take the following steps:
 - (a) Review and closely follow all requirements for self-quarantine listed in the “COVID-19 Self-Quarantine and Self-Isolation Instructions for Patients” posted online at www.santacruzhealth.org/IQEnglish and www.santacruzhealth.org/IQEspanol; and

¹ A person is presumptively or confirmed as diagnosed with COVID-19 when a medical clinician determines that the person meets the case definition defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/nndss/conditions/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/case-definition/2020/08/05/>.

- (b) Post the Notice of Quarantine, found online at www.santacruzhealth.org/ProviderGuidance, at their place of quarantine.
5. Medical clinicians must advise patients to quarantine in accordance with the provider guidance posted online at www.santacruzhealth.org/ProviderGuidance.
 6. The Health Officer may take additional actions, which may include civil detention or requiring an individual with a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of COVID-19 to stay at a health facility or other location, to protect the public's health if an individual who is subject to this Order fails to comply with this Order.
 7. Pursuant to Government Code sections 8667, 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. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.
 8. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County offices at 701 Ocean St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department website (www.santacruzhealth.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
 9. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, 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:


Gail Newel, MD
Health Officer of the County of Santa Cruz

Dated: December, 2020
20, 2020 

Approved as to Form:


Office of the County Counsel