

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services act, including but not limited to Government Code Section 8630 and San Joaquin County Ordinance 4-3005 (A)(1) empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the County Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of San Joaquin, does hereby find that on March 17, 2020, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a “public health emergency of international concern,” and on March 11, 2020, declared it a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, CDC activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for the response to COVID-19 across the country; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) activated its Medical and Health Coordination Center and on March 2, 2020, the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services activated the State Operations Center to support and guide state and local actions to preserve public health; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California has proclaimed the State of Emergency, which included waiving the 60 days requirement of renewal of a Local Emergency for the duration of the statewide emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has issued guidance to local State Public Health departments, including San Joaquin County Public Health Services, concerning risk assessment and public health management of persons with potential exposure to COVID-19. These guidelines require San Joaquin County Public Health to make extraordinary efforts to monitor ongoing communicable disease threats and prepare for management of individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS on March 12, 2020, Maggie Park, M.D., San Joaquin County Public Health Officer, issued a declaration of a Local Health Emergency, which was subsequently ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Public Health and the Office of Emergency Services, and other County departments and various partners have been working successfully and diligently to implement CDC guidelines and respond to the public, but now require additional tools and resources to protect the public health given the current state of the epidemic and the need for a sustained response; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors is not in session and cannot immediately be called into the session; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin County Director of Emergency Services finds that these emergency conditions will require immediate action including additional resources, services, personnel, equipment, facilities, and funding to contain a threat of danger to the public health; and

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the San Joaquin Director of Emergency Services as follows:

1. That a local emergency exists throughout San Joaquin County pursuant to Government Code Section 8620 and as defined by Government Code section 8558 and shall be deemed to continue to exist subject to ratification, discretionary review and termination by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Government Code Section 8630.
2. During the existence of this local health emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of San Joaquin County shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, resolutions, and approved emergency plans of San Joaquin County.
3. That a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Director of CalOES) requesting that the Director of CalOES find this Proclamation acceptable in accordance with State law and forward this Proclamation to the Governor of the State of California for consideration and action San Joaquin County's requests that the Governor suspends those statutes, regulations, rules, and orders that may hinder response and recovery efforts.
4. The San Joaquin County Director of Emergency Services shall continue to assess the Local Emergency and, as emergency response and recovery efforts warrant, send to the Director of CalOES additional requests that the Governor suspends further statutes, rules, and regulations pursuant to Government Code section 8571 and that State and Federal assistance be provided to San Joaquin County.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this County; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire in 7 days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the governing body of the County of San Joaquin.

Dated: March 17, 2020

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