



# Calaveras Health and Human Services Agency

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## Calaveras County Public Health Officer Order

### ORDER RESCINDING MAY 1, 2020 ORDER AND EMERGENCY REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING GOVERNOR'S MARCH 4, 2020 EXECUTIVE ORDER IN CALAVERAS COUNTY

**May 8, 2020**

**SUMMARY:** This Order rescinds the May 1, 2020, April 29, 2020, and March 27, 2020 Local Health Officer Orders. The rescission of this Order results from Governor Gavin Newsom's May 7, 2020 announcement that the State will be entering Stage 2 of the re-opening plan beginning on May 8, 2020, which will authorize some additional low risk business activities so long as they comply with state-mandated conditions and compliance plans. It also appears that, thanks to County residents' and businesses' broad compliance with the State's Stay-at-Home Order and the County Health Officer's Orders, Calaveras County may shortly meet or exceed the newly announced State Readiness Parameters and may be eligible for a variance to be able to move further into additional Stage 2 opening activities—which will further liberalize some of the State's restrictions in regions (such as ours) that are less impacted, more ready to locally track disease activity, and more ready to address local health needs than other regions in the event further COVID-19 cases are identified.

**State permission to advance more quickly than other regions will remain contingent on us maintaining these gains we have established. It is important to note that, even with this local Order rescinded, County residents and businesses are still required to comply with the State of California's Executive Order and all State requirements and conditions.**

Residents and businesses are strongly encouraged to regularly monitor the State's COVID-19 Orders and requirements, which have been changing and evolving rapidly, to ensure that they remain in compliance. Failure to comply and/or a resurgence of COVID-19 cases in the County could result in the County Health Officer issuing a new local Order, local or state enforcement actions, and/or state-mandated restrictions. The Calaveras County Public Health Department will make every effort to update the community through the State and County's re-opening process.

It is also important to remind the community that the March 26, 2020, Local Health Officer Order restricting lodging and short-term rentals is not rescinded through this Order and shall remain in effect at this time.

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## ORDER:

WHEREAS, the County remains under a state of Local Health Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, as of April 23, 2020, thirteen cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Calaveras County and there has been some evidence of community transmission; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of COVID-19 in Calaveras County appears to have stabilized in recent weeks; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, directing all California residents to remain at home except as needed to maintain continuity of operations in essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors as directed by the State Public Health Officer; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the State Public Health officer has designated a list of "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers", which can be found at <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, in response to confusion about what activities are and are not locally allowed under Executive Order N-33-20, the Calaveras County Health Officer issued an original Order clarifying the Executive Order and implementing it on the local level based on the public health needs of the community at that time; and

WHEREAS, while community transmission of COVID-19 within Calaveras County remains a significant threat to the public health, in recent weeks the compliance and cooperation of local residents and businesses with local and state disease prevention orders has demonstrably helped to maintain the incidence and community transmission of COVID-19 within Calaveras County at a steady rate; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2020, the Governor of the State of California announced that the State of California will be entering Stage 2 of its re-opening plan and that some previously prohibited business activities will be conditionally allowed beginning on May 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2020, the Governor announced some accelerated re-opening criteria that will allow counties that can demonstrate that their COVID-19 rates have stabilized and are well-positioned to both monitor further infections and to adequately care for its residents to re-open more quickly than other regions of the state; and

WHEREAS, as of May 7, 2020, it appears that Calaveras County is likely to qualify shortly for accelerated re-opening through Stage 2 of the State's re-opening plan; and

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WHEREAS, the State of California has issued minimum COVID-19 emergency compliance requirements for California residents, and a County Health Officer is not permitted to issue local orders concerning COVID-19 that are more lenient than the State's minimum requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Calaveras County Health Officer believes that, at this time, it is no longer necessary to maintain a local Order clarifying and locally implementing the State COVID-19 requirements, which are rapidly changing and evolving; and

WHEREAS, the Calaveras County Health Officer retains the authority to issue a new Local Health Order or Orders should there be widespread confusion or non-compliance with the State's requirements or should there be a resurgence of COVID-19 infection within the County;

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to California health and Safety Code sections 101040, 120175, and 120175.5(b), the Health Officer of Calaveras County **HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Health Officer's May 1, 2020 Second Amended Order and Emergency Regulations Implementing Governor's March 4, 2020 Executive Order in Calaveras County is hereby rescinded.
2. The Health Officer's March 26, 2020 Order Clarification of Governor's and State Health Officer's "Stay-at-Home" Order as Related to Lodging Facilities shall remain in effect at this time.

This rescission takes effect immediately and supersedes the May 1, April 29, 2020, and March 27, 2020 "Order and Emergency Regulations Implementing Governor's March 4, 2020 Executive Order in Calaveras County".

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Kelaita".

Dean Kelaita, M.D.  
Calaveras County Health Officer

05/18/20  
Date

To view Governor Newsom's Stay-at-Home Executive Order, visit  
<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/03/19/governor-gavin-newsom-issues-stay-at-home-order/>

To view Calaveras County Health Officer Orders and additional resources, visit  
<https://covid19.calaverasgov.us/>

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