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Riverside County Now Aligns with Statewide Public Health Orders

Beaumont, CA—On Saturday, May 9, 2020, the Riverside County Health Officer issued new local health orders to bring Riverside County in alignment with statewide orders and guidance issued by Governor Newsom. The new order repeals the April 29 omnibus health order that required face coverings, banned short-term rentals, closed all educational institutions and placed restrictions on golf courses.

Local health orders can be stricter than those issued by the State but never less; the new local orders allow Riverside County to move through the Governor's four stage Resilience Roadmap without additional restrictions.

The updated health orders include the strong recommendation of face coverings when in public and the closure of all K-12 public, private and charter schools through June 19th, with the except to higher education and vocational schools which are now permitted to reopen.

Although no longer regulated by a county health order, short-term rentals are still prohibited and social distancing at essential businesses and during outdoor activities is still required under the state's "stay-at-home" order.

It is recommended for everyone to practice proven preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information on the statewide Stay at Home Order, please visit covid19.ca.gov.

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