

# Agenda



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

Board of Supervisors Room  
County Administrative Center  
224 North Edwards  
Independence, California

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### **May 8, 2020 - 11:00 AM**

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (Join meeting Via Zoom [here](#))
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **DEPARTMENTAL** (To be considered at the Board's convenience)

3. **Health & Human Services** - Request Board attest that Inyo County meets the State of California's readiness criteria to move through the Second Stage of Reopening at its own pace and authorize the Board Chair to sign the attestation.



# County of Inyo



## Health & Human Services

### DEPARTMENTAL - ACTION REQUIRED

**MEETING:** May 8, 2020

**FROM:** HHS

**SUBJECT:** Attest that Inyo County meets the State of California's readiness criteria to move through the Second Stage of Reopening at its own pace.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Request Board attest that Inyo County meets the State of California's readiness criteria to move through the Second Stage of Reopening at its own pace and authorize the Board Chair to sign the attestation.

**SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:**

The State of California issued its four-stage roadmap for reopening California on April 28, 2020. During the Governor's press conference that day, he identified the planning and preparation for reopening as the first stage and indicated that the State was close to entering the second stage, which includes the reopening of lower risk work environments such as retail, manufacturing, offices where telecommuting is not possible, and child care facilities. Stage 3 was identified as higher risk work environments where individuals are in close, prolonged contact such as gyms, spas, and salons, while the fourth stages was defined as including the highest risk venues where larger mass gathering occur. While he indicated that our readiness to enter the second stage was close at hand, he reported that the third and fourth stages were months away and that the reopening process would be guided by key data metrics.

On May 4, 2020, the Governor announced that the State would be modifying orders and entering the second stage by Friday, March 8, 2020. He described an updated pandemic roadmap that provided a more detailed plan of how the second stage will be phased in throughout the state. This phased in plan allows for counties to move through the stage at a pace that is driven by their local data rather than at a standardized pace, as long as the County Public Health Officer and the County's Board of Supervisors can attest to meeting the readiness parameters and provide a readiness plan to the California Department of Public Health that demonstrates a low prevalence of COVID-19, that the county meets testing and contact tracing criteria, that the local health care system is prepared in case they see a sudden rise in cases, and that the county has plans in place to protect vulnerable populations.

Inyo County's public health division has been monitoring and assessing each of these metrics. We have reported 19 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and one fatality since the inception of this emergency and the last confirmed case was reported on April 22, 2020. Our public health division has been monitoring our testing capacity at our three primary health providers and has confirmed the County's ability to meet this metric. We have the capacity to conduct case investigations and contact tracing for up to 100 confirmed cases and their contacts. In addition, the hospitals have developed surge capacity and the County is prepared to open a Government Authorized Alternative Care Site in the Bishop area, which is able to serve both of our hospitals. Local Skilled Nursing Facilities and Long Term Care Facilities have taken specific actions to prevent the spread of COVID in their

facilities, and a safety net to ensure that vulnerable populations who should continue to stay at home have additional supports to meet their needs for food and other essentials.

In an effort to ensure the appropriate public health guidance and orders are in place, we have reviewed the Health Officer orders that have been issued and have determined that the Inyo County Stay At Home order issued on March 20, 2020, which was issued, in part, to provide clarifying guidance to our local businesses and residents, is no longer necessary. As the Governor modifies the State's stay-at home order, the County will be subject to those orders and may seek to be more restrictive, but not less restrictive. In addition, a local Health Officer order issued on March 31, 2020 was specific to essential businesses operating during the pandemic. As the Governor modifies his executive orders and provides clear guidance and requirements to all businesses, this local order is no longer necessary. Both of these Health Officer orders are being rescinded.

The Health Officer orders that will remain in effect include the one issued on March 27, 2020, which outlines the requirements for self-isolation and quarantine for individuals who are diagnosed with COVID-19, and their close contacts. This order remains necessary to ensure the public's safety. The order issued on April 23, 2020, amended and superseded the Health Officer order issued on March 31, 2020 and prohibits certain short-term rentals. This order remains necessary to ensure the public's safety at this time. While the State orders continue to prohibit non-essential travel, Inyo County remains a desired travel location to many throughout California and neighboring states. This order helps to discourage travel from other areas such as Southern California where there remain large areas of "hot spots" for COVID-19.

Two additional orders will also remain in effect to ensure the health and safety of not only the general public, but also our most vulnerable populations residing in residential facilities is protected. The Order issued on April 27, 2020 provides for universal use of face masks at all residential, long-term care, and skilled nursing facilities and provides guidance as to the types of masks that can be used under certain conditions, helping to guide the decision point for use of a respirator mask instead of a lower grade mask. This order remains critical to protect the residents of these types of facilities as they have been identified, due to age and/or underlying conditions, to be the most vulnerable for severe complications from COVID-19, including death.

The order issued on May 8, 2020, the date of this meeting, provides for universal use of cloth face coverings by the general public when leaving their homes to access essential and non-essential services, especially when unable to maintain 6' social distancing. This order, along with the others outlined above, are essential to ensuring public safety, as well as attesting to the State a sufficient level of public health guidance.

Finally, our team has identified the metrics that would trigger actions such as slowing down our movement through the second stage. These metrics include a reduction in access to testing supplies, as well as an increased number of cases at a rate that require hospitalization, including ICU and ventilator use and the resultant impact on our surge capacity and contact tracing capability.

Based on the assessment of our public health team led by Public Health Officer, Dr. James Richardson, we are able to attest to meeting the metrics required by the State of California to reopen in the second stage at a pace consistent with our local data points. We are respectfully requesting your Board make this attestation and authorize the Board Chair to join our Public Health Officer in signing the attestation.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Your Board could choose not to sign this attestation which will result in the County reopening at a pace established by the State.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

N/A

**FINANCING:**

There is no fiscal impact to this item

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**APPROVALS:**

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Darcy Ellis  
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Marilyn Mann

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# COVID-19 ROADMAP TO RECOVERY INYO COUNTY

Presented by:

Inyo County Emergency Operations Center  
Department of Health and Human Services-  
Public Health & Prevention

May 8, 2020

# Local Control

- ▣ State recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting communities differently
  
- ▣ Allowance for Local Control
  - Overview of Readiness Criteria released on May 4
  - Just before noon on May 7, we received a draft of the governors guidance that included requirements that were not included in the May 4th announcement, or had been altered



# CA Roadmap to Recovery

- ▣ Stage 1 - Safety and Preparation
- ▣ Stage 2 - Phased in re-opening of lower risk workplaces and other spaces
- ▣ Stage 3 - Higher risk venues where individuals are in close, prolonged contact
- ▣ Stage 4 - Highest risk venues where mass gatherings occur



**STAGE 1:**  
Safety and  
preparedness



**STAGE 2:**  
Lower-risk  
workplaces



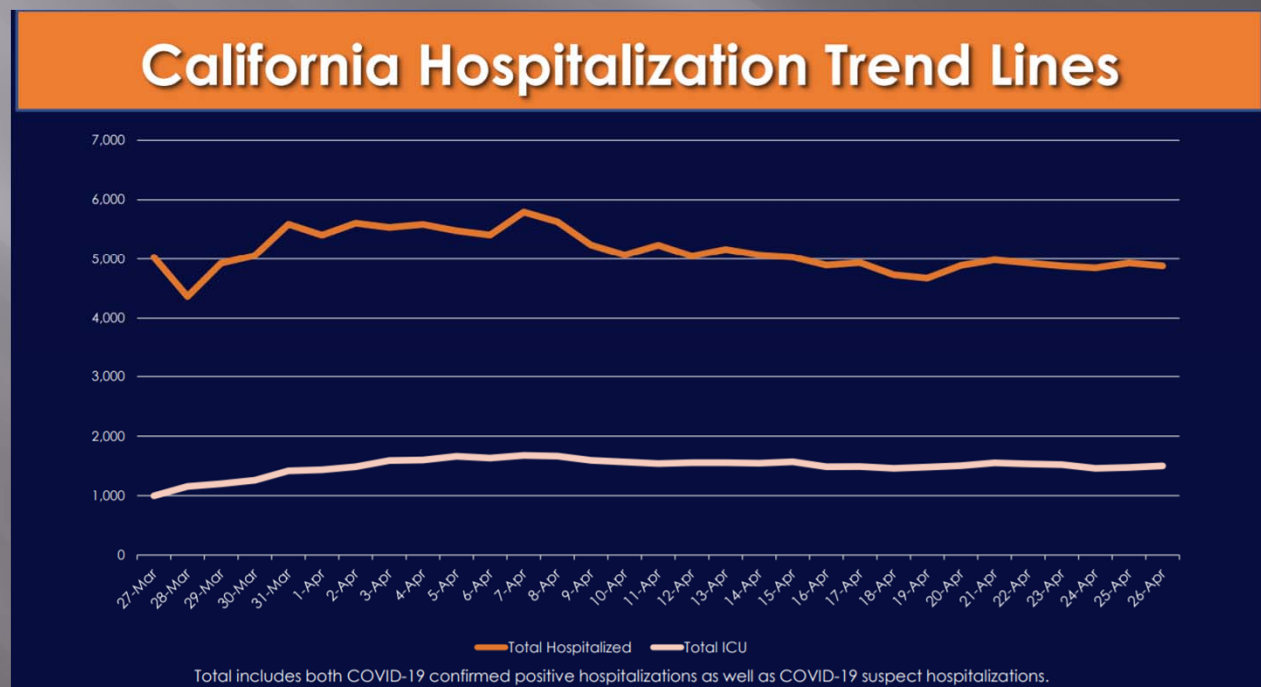
**STAGE 3:**  
Higher-risk  
workplaces



**STAGE 4:**  
End of Stay  
Home Order

# Stage 2- State Considerations

- ▣ CA Data
- ▣ Modifications to State's Stay-at-Home Order guided by health risk and equity





# Phases of Stage 2

- ▣ Businesses included in phase 1 (State)
  - Curb-side Retail, Manufacturers, Logistics
- ▣ Businesses included later phases (State)
  - Relax retail restrictions, schools & childcare with modifications, offices, limited hospitality
- ▣ Potential local ability for variance, including:
  - In-restaurant dining with modifications
  - In-store retail sales with modifications
  - Limited personal services like car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities, and landscape gardening with modifications
  - Office based businesses with modifications
  - Outdoor museums and open gallery spaces
  - Schools and childcare

# Local Variance Readiness Criteria

- ▣ Epidemiologic stability of COVID-19: Prevalence of COVID-19 in Inyo
- ▣ Protection of Stage 1 essential workers
- ▣ Testing Capacity
- ▣ Containment Capacity
  - Contact Tracing
  - Temporary housing for COVID-19 positive homeless individuals
- ▣ Health Care Capacity/Preparedness
- ▣ Protecting Vulnerable Populations
- ▣ Sectors and Timelines
- ▣ Triggers for Adjusting Modifications
- ▣ Plans to move through Stage 2

# Local Variance Requirements

- ▣ Readiness for Variance
  - Meet with CDPH for TA
  - Demonstrate ability to meet readiness criteria
  - BOS letter of support
  - Hospital letters of support
  - HO signs Attestation
- ▣ Containment Plan (requirements/timeline)
  - Not mandatory for variance approval but strongly recommended
  - Ability to be nimble in response to increase in cases

# Local Variance Preparation

- ▣ Rescind orders inconsistent with State's modified stay-at-home orders
- ▣ Modify self-isolation and quarantine order to reflect updated standards
- ▣ Maintain orders prohibiting short term rentals and universal masking at residential facilities
- ▣ Issue order for universal masking

# Continuation of State Stay at Home Orders

- ▣ Many components of State's stay-at-home order remain in place:
  - Prohibits mass gatherings
  - Prohibits non-essential/leisure travel
  - Protection of vulnerable populations



# Local Variance Preparation

- ▣ Prepare county-level plans and data analytics.
- ▣ Support hospital and skilled nursing facility preparation.
- ▣ Support local business preparedness :
  - Guidance available for some business sectors at <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>
  - Guidance for additional sectors expected from the state next week.
- ▣ Prepare attestation for BOS consideration by May 19<sup>th</sup>. Prepare update for BOS on Progress for May 12<sup>th</sup>



# Summary

- ▣ We are currently moving into Stage 2, Phase 1 with the rest of the state.
- ▣ Preparing for variance attestation which will allow Inyo County to accelerate within Stage 2, and beyond Phase 1.
- ▣ Supporting local hospitals, skilled nursing, and businesses in meeting their requirements for accelerating.
- ▣ Continue to encourage adherence to modified State stay-at-home order and discourage non-essential travel to the area.