

## **Summary of Yuba-Sutter Stay at Home Order Issued April 6, 2020**

On March 18, 2020, the Yuba-Sutter Health Officer issued a directive limiting activity, travel, and business functions to the most essential needs. We refer to that Directive as the “Prior Shelter Directive.” This Order replaces the Prior Shelter Directive.

### ***When Does this Order Take Effect? When Does it End?***

As of 11:59 pm on April 6, 2020, all individuals in Sutter and Yuba Counties must strictly follow the provisions in the Order. This Order will be in effect until May 3, 2020, but that date could be changed by the Yuba-Sutter Health Officer.

### ***Why issue this ORDER?***

The COVID-19 public health crisis in the Counties, the region, and the nation has worsened significantly over the past two weeks. While the Prior Shelter Directive has been effective in reducing the rate of transmission of the COVID-19 disease (“flattening the curve”), it is not enough.

The Yuba-Sutter Health Officer has determined that more and stricter social distancing is needed to slow the rate of spread, prevent deaths, and reduces the risk of the local health care system from becoming overwhelmed, and that we need to continue with these social distancing measures for a longer period of time.

### ***What are the Major Changes this Order (April 6, 2020) makes to the Yuba-Sutter Health Officer’s Prior Shelter Directive Issued on March 18?***

The Order **extends** the stay at home requirements until 11:59 p.m. on May 3, 2020.

The Order is also **more restrictive** in a number of ways. Important clarifications and changes include:

1. Social distancing requirements are mandatory. Unless strict compliance is explicitly waived, everyone must comply with the social distancing requirements at all times.
2. Essential businesses that continue to operate facilities in the Counties must scale down operations to Minimum Basic Operations including maximizing the number of employees who work from home where possible.

3. Use of recreational areas with high touch surfaces such as playgrounds, dog parks, public picnic areas, and similar recreational areas is prohibited.
4. Use of shared recreational facilities with touch surfaces such as basketball courts, pools, and rock walls is prohibited. These facilities must be closed for recreational use.
5. Sports or activities that require use of shared equipment, like frisbees, basketballs, baseballs, and soccer balls, may only be engaged in by members of the same household.
6. Outdoor activities are allowed, provided that there is compliance with the Social Distancing Requirements as outlined in the Order as well as ensuring the activities do not involve individuals outside your immediate household and do not involve using high touch surfaces or shared equipment.
7. Construction activity is limited to new residential, essential infrastructure such as roads, water and communications and immediate repairs of residential and essential commercial businesses.

The Order also makes **important clarifications**. Major clarifications include:

1. Crowding at public parks and open spaces has been a problem. The Health Officer, government, or entity that manages the space may adopt restrictions to reduce crowding and risk of COVID-19 transmission, including limiting number of entrants, restricting vehicular access, or complete closure.
2. Essential businesses must follow industry-specific guidance issued by the County Health Officer related to COVID-19.
3. Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted from the Order to work for essential businesses, providing essential governmental functions, or performing minimum basic operations for non-essential businesses.
4. Individuals may move residences only if it is not possible to wait until the Order expires, such as if a move is already planned or if it is necessary for safety or habitability.
5. Landscapers and similar service professionals may only provide services necessary to maintain the sanitation, habitability, or operation of residences or businesses, or for safety reasons.

For a complete list of significant changes, see the **"Detailed Summary of Changes."**

## **Detailed Summary of Changes – Stay at Home Order Issued on April 6, 2020**

### ***I Want More Detail. What Does this Order Change or Clarify?***

This Order strengthens, extends, and clarifies the restrictions in the prior Shelter Directive. It also adds critical new restrictions. Here is a complete list of significant changes and clarifications. See the Order and the FAQs for additional details:

#### ***For Everyone:***

- The Order is in effect until Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., unless the Health Officer extends or shortens it.
- Social distancing requirements are mandatory for everyone, including essential workers. These requirements include maintaining six-foot social distancing between individuals who are not members of your household. There are some exceptions—like when social distancing is impossible or inadvisable.
- Individuals may move residences only if it's not possible to wait until after the Order expires. In other words, you can move if the move is already planned or if it's necessary to maintain shelter, to stay safe, or to stay in a livable residence.
- If you move into or out of the Suter-Yuba Area, you are strongly encouraged to quarantine for 14 days, following the guidance of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- In addition to activities allowed under the prior Shelter Directive, you may leave your residence to:
  - ✓ Attend a funeral with no more than 10 individuals present.
  - ✓ Manage after-death arrangements and burial.
  - ✓ Arrange for shelter or avoid homelessness.
  - ✓ Avoid domestic violence or child abuse.
  - ✓ Travel for parental custody arrangements.
  - ✓ Travel to a temporary residence to avoid exposing others to COVID-19.

#### ***For Healthcare:***

- You are allowed to leave your residence to access any healthcare services, including elective and preventative care services.
- You are allowed to leave your residence to work or volunteer at healthcare operations, as well as to provide or access health care services.
- Blood banks and blood drives can continue to operate. You're allowed to work or volunteer for blood banks or blood drives, and you can donate blood.

***For Recreation:***

- If you visit a park, river, lake, or other open space area, you must follow any restrictions that the local authorities or managers have in place for that area. These restrictions might include measures like closing parking areas, restricting car access, limiting the number of visitors, restricting access to certain areas, or closing the area to public access entirely.
- You are not allowed to use recreational areas with high-touch equipment or areas for gathering outside of your residence. This includes playgrounds, picnic and barbecue areas, basketball or tennis courts, skate parks, and outdoor gym equipment.
- You are allowed to engage in sports or outdoor activities that use shared equipment only with members of your own household.

***For Businesses:***

- New Requirements for All Essential Businesses:
  - ✓ Essential businesses must maximize the number of employees who can work from home. Only those employees who cannot perform their job duties from home may work outside their homes.
- Additions to the List of Essential Businesses:
  - ✓ Service providers that enable residential transactions, including real estate agents, escrow agents, notaries, and title companies.
  - ✓ Funeral home providers, mortuaries, cemeteries, and crematoriums.
  - ✓ Services to assist individuals in finding employment with essential businesses.
  - ✓ Moving services that facilitate residential or commercial moves allowed by the Order.
  - ✓ Personal storage facilities
  - ✓ Gun stores
- Clarifications to the List of Essential Businesses:
  - ✓ Arborists, landscapers, gardeners, and similar service professionals are essential businesses, but only to provide services necessary to maintain the safety and

healthy operation of a business or residence.

- ✓ Gas stations, auto-supply, and auto-repair businesses, and auto dealerships may operate only to provide auto-supply, auto-repair services, and online automobile purchases.
  - ✓ Businesses that supply products needed by other essential businesses may continue operating to supply those essential businesses. But they are prohibited from providing curbside pickup or onsite sales to members of the general public.
  - ✓ Childcare facilities to provide childcare to children or dependents of workers exempt under the Order, including volunteers and contractors.
- Clarifications for Non-Essential Businesses:
    - ✓ Non-essential businesses may deliver existing inventory directly to residences or other businesses.
    - ✓ Minimum basic operations include activities necessary to maintain the safety and sanitation of the business, as well as previously listed functions.

***Essential Infrastructure:***

- Essential infrastructure is clarified to include solid waste facilities (including collection, removal, disposal, and processing facilities), cemeteries, mortuaries, and crematoriums.

***Construction:***

- Construction is restricted to the following types of projects:
  - ✓ Projects associated with healthcare operations.
  - ✓ Projects immediately necessary to the maintenance, operation, or repair of Essential Infrastructure and housing.
  - ✓ New housing construction.
  - ✓ Public works projects, but only if they are specifically designated as an essential governmental function by the lead governmental agency.
  - ✓ Shelters and temporary housing, but not including hotels or motels.
  - ✓ Construction strictly necessary to ensure that a site that is shut down under this

Order is safe and secure.

- ✓ Construction or repair necessary to ensure that a residence or a building containing essential businesses is safe, sanitary, and habitable if that work cannot be reasonably delayed.

***Social Distancing Requirements:***

- The Order expands and clarifies the list of social distancing requirements. These requirements now include:
  - ✓ Maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals who are not part of your household;
  - ✓ Frequently washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer recognized by the CDC to be effective in combatting COVID-19;
  - ✓ Covering cough and sneezes with a tissue or fabric or, if that's not possible, coughing or sneezing into your sleeve or elbow (not into your hands); and
  - ✓ Avoiding all social interaction outside your home when you're sick with a fever or cough.
- Social distancing requirements are mandatory, except between members of the same family or living unit. Everyone must strictly comply with the social distancing requirements when they're not in their home unless the Order specifically allows otherwise. Exceptions are for activities where strict social distancing is impossible or inadvisable, like:
  - ✓ When providing care (including childcare, adult or senior care, care to individuals with special needs, and patient care);
  - ✓ When the work of essential businesses, essential governmental functions, or provision of minimum basic operations requires some amount of closer contact;
  - ✓ By transit agencies and people riding on public transit, when strict compliance is impossible.

***Enforcement:***

- The Order clarifies that it can be enforced by law enforcement and also through civil remedies:
  - ✓ Failure to comply with the requirements is a misdemeanor punishable by

fine, imprisonment, or both.

- ✓ Violation of the Order constitutes a public nuisance and a violation of local Ordinance Codes. The local agencies may take appropriate actions to stop businesses from violating the Ordinance Codes, including obtaining a temporary restraining order and pulling an applicable permit or revoking an applicable license.