

VARIANCE TO STAGE 2 OF CALIFORNIA'S ROADMAP TO MODIFY THE STAY-AT-HOME ORDER



COVID-19 COUNTY VARIANCE ATTESTATION FORM

FOR

Background

On March 4, 2020 Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19, and on March 12, 2020, through Executive Order N-25-20, he directed all residents to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials. Subsequently, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 directing all residents to heed the State Public Health Officer's Stay-at-Home order which requires all residents to stay at home except for work in critical infrastructure sectors or otherwise to facilitate authorized necessary activities. On April 14th, the State presented the Pandemic Roadmap, a four-stage plan for modifying the Stay-at-Home order, and, on May 4th, announced that entry into Stage 2 of the plan would be imminent.

Given the size and diversity of California, it is not surprising that the impact of COVID-19 has differed across the state. While some counties are still in the initial stabilization phase (Stage 1) of the pandemic response, there are a number of less affected counties. Provided these counties are able to demonstrate an ability to protect the public and essential workers, they may be in a position to adopt aspects of Stage 2 of California's roadmap at a faster pace than the state as a whole. As directed by the Governor in Executive Order N-60-20, this guidance provides information on the criteria and procedures that counties will need to meet in order to move more quickly than other parts of the state through Stage 2 of modifying the Stay-at-Home order. It is recommended that counties consult with cities and other stakeholders as they consider moving through Stage 2.

Local Variance

A county that has met certain criteria in containing COVID-19 may consider increasing the pace at which they advance through Stage 2, but not into Stage 3, of California's roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order. Counties are encouraged to first review this document in full to consider if a variance from the state's roadmap is appropriate for the county's specific circumstances. If a county decides to pursue a variance, the local public health officer must:

1. Notify the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and engage in a phone consultation regarding the county's intent to seek a variance.
2. Certify through submission of a written attestation to CDPH that the county has met the readiness criteria (outlined below) designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Attestations should be submitted by the local public health officer, and accompanied by a letter of support from the County Board of Supervisors, as well as a letter of support from the local hospitals or health care systems. In the event that the county does not have a hospital or health care system within its jurisdiction, a letter of support from the

relevant regional health system(s) is also acceptable. The full submission must be signed by the local public health officer.

All county attestations, and submitted plans for moving through Stage 2 as outlined below, will be posted publicly on CDPH's website.

While not required, CDPH recommends as a best practice the development of a county COVID-19 containment plan by the local public health officer in conjunction with the hospitals and health systems in the jurisdiction, as well as input from a broad range of county stakeholders, including the County Board of Supervisors.

In addition to pre-submission phone consultations, CDPH is available to provide technical assistance to counties as they develop their attestations and COVID-19 containment plans. Please email Jake Hanson at Jake.Hanson@cdph.ca.gov to set up a time with our technical assistance team.

County Name: _____

County Contact: _____

Public Phone Number: _____

Readiness for Variance

The county's documentation of its readiness to increase the pace through Stage 2 must clearly indicate its preparedness according to the criteria below. This will ensure that individuals who are at heightened risk, including for example the elderly and those residing in long-term care and locally controlled custody facilities, continue to be protected as a county progresses through California's roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order, and that risk is minimized for the population at large.

As part of the attestation, counties must provide specifics regarding their movement through Stage 2 (e.g., which sectors, in what sequence, at what pace), as well as clearly indicate how their plans differ from the state's order.

It is critical that any county that submits an attestation continue to collect and monitor data to demonstrate that the variances are not having a negative impact on individuals or healthcare systems. Counties must also attest that they have identified triggers and have a clear plan and approach if conditions worsen for modifying the pace of advancing through stage 2, including reinstating restrictions, in advance of any state action. Counties must also submit their plan for how they anticipate moving through Stage 2 (e.g., which sectors will be opened, order of opening etc.).

Readiness Criteria

To establish readiness for an increased pace through Stage 2 of California's roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order, a county must attest to the following readiness criteria and provide the requested information as outlined below:

- **Epidemiologic stability of COVID-19.** A determination must be made by the county that the prevalence of COVID-19 cases is low enough to be swiftly contained by an epidemiological response. Given the anticipated increase in cases as a result of modifications, this is a foundational parameter that must be met to safely increase the county's progression through Stage 2. The county must attest to:
 - No more than 1 COVID-19 case per 10,000 in the past 14 days prior to attestation submission date.

- No COVID-19 death in the past 14 days prior to attestation submission date.

- **Protection of Stage 1 essential workers.** A determination must be made by the county that there is clear guidance and the necessary resources to ensure the safety of Stage 1 essential critical infrastructure workers. The county must attest to:
 - Guidance for employers and essential critical infrastructure workplaces on how to structure the physical environment to protect essential workers. Please provide copies of the guidance(s).

- Availability of supplies (disinfectant, essential protective gear) to protect essential workers. Please describe how this availability is assessed.

- **Testing capacity.** A determination must be made by the county that there is testing capacity to detect active infection that meets the state's most current testing criteria (available on CDPH website). The county must attest to:

- Minimum daily testing volume to test 1.5 per 1,000 residents, which can be met through a combination of testing of symptomatic individuals and targeted surveillance. Please provide the plan and the county's average daily testing volume for the past week. If the county does not believe a testing volume of 1.5 per 1,000 residents is merited, please provide justification for this.

- Testing availability for at least 75% of residents, as measured by a specimen collection site (including established health care providers) within 30 minutes driving time in urban areas, and 60 minutes in rural areas. Please provide a listing of all specimen collection sites in the county, whether there are any geographic

areas that do not meet the criteria, and plans for filling these gaps. If the county depends on sites in adjacent counties, please list these sites as well.

- **Containment capacity.** A determination must be made by the county that it has adequate infrastructure, processes, and workforce to reliably detect and safely isolate new cases, as well as follow up with individuals who have been in contact with positive cases. The county must attest to:
 - Sufficient contact tracing. For counties that have no cases, there should be at least 15 staff per 100,000 county population trained and available for contact tracing; for counties with small populations, there must be at least one staff person trained and available. Please describe the county's contact tracing plan, including workforce capacity, and why it is sufficient to meet anticipated surge.

- Availability of temporary housing units to shelter at least 15% of county residents experiencing homelessness in case of an outbreak among this population requiring isolation and quarantine of affected individuals. Please describe the county's plans to support individuals, including those experiencing homelessness, who are not able to properly isolate in a home setting by providing them with temporary housing (including access to a private bathroom), for the duration of the necessary isolation or quarantine period.

- **Hospital capacity.** A determination must be made by the county that hospital capacity, including ICU beds and ventilators, and adequate PPE is available to handle standard health care capacity, current COVID-19 cases, as well as a potential surge due to COVID-19. If the county does not have a hospital within its jurisdiction, the county will need to address how regional hospital and health care systems may be impacted by this request and demonstrate that adequate hospital capacity exists in those systems. The county must attest to:
 - County (or regional) hospital capacity to accommodate a minimum surge of 35% due to COVID-19 cases in addition to providing usual care for non-COVID-19 patients. Please describe how this surge would be accomplished, including surge census by hospital, addressing both physical and workforce capacity.

- County (or regional) hospital facilities have a robust plan to protect the hospital workforce, both clinical and nonclinical, with PPE. Please describe the process by which this is assessed.

- **Vulnerable populations.** A determination must be made by the county that the proposed variance maintains protections for vulnerable populations, particularly those in long-term care settings. The county must attest to:
 - Skilled nursing facilities (SNF) have >14 day supply of PPE on hand for staff, with established process for ongoing procurement from non-state supply chains. Please list the names and contacts of all SNFs in the county along with a description of the system the county has to track PPE availability across SNFs..

- **Sectors and timelines.** Please provide details on the county's plan to move through Stage 2. This should include which sectors and spaces will be opened, in what sequence, on what timeline. Please specifically indicate where the plan differs from the state's order. Please note that this variance should not include sectors that are part of Stage 3.

- **Triggers for adjusting modifications.** Please share the county metrics that would serve as triggers for either slowing the pace through Stage 2 or tightening modifications, including the frequency of measurement and the specific actions triggered by metric changes. Please include your plan for how the county will inform the state of emerging concerns and how it will implement early containment measures.

- **Your plan for moving through Stage 2.** Please provide details on your plan for county to move through opening sectors and spaces that are part of the State's plan for Stage 2. A reminder, that this variance only covers those areas that are part of Stage 2, up to, but not including Stage 3. For additional details on sectors and spaces included in Stage 2, please go to the [California Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Response County variance web page](#)

COVID-19 Containment Plan

While not mandatory, CDPH strongly recommends that counties requesting a variance to increase the pace through Stage 2 create a county COVID-19 containment plan as noted above. While not exhaustive, the following areas and questions are important to address in any containment plan.

Testing

- Is there a plan to increase testing to the recommended daily capacity of 2 per 1000 residents?
- Is the average percentage of positive tests over the past 7 days <7% and stable or declining?
- Have specimen collection locations been identified that ensure access for all residents?
- Have contracts/relationships been established with specimen processing labs?
- Is there a plan for community surveillance?

Contact Tracing

- How many staff are currently trained and available to do contact tracing?
- Are these staff reflective of community racial, ethnic and linguistic diversity?
- Is there a plan to expand contact tracing staff to the recommended levels to accommodate a three-fold increase in COVID-19 cases, presuming that each case has ten close contacts?
- Is there a plan for supportive isolation for low income individuals who may not have a safe way to isolate or who may have significant economic challenges as a result of isolation?

Protecting the Vulnerable

- How many congregate care facilities, of what types, are in the county?
- How many correctional facilities, of what size, are in the county?
- How many homelessness shelters are in the county and what is their capacity?
- What is the COVID-19 case rate at each of these facilities?
- Do facilities have the ability to safely isolate COVID-19 positive individuals?
- Do facilities have the ability to safely quarantine individuals who have been exposed?
- Is there sufficient testing capacity to conduct a thorough outbreak investigation at each of these facilities?
- Do long-term care facilities have sufficient PPE for staff, and do these facilities have access to suppliers for ongoing PPE needs?
- Do these facilities (particularly skilled nursing facilities) have access to staffing agencies if and when staff shortages related to COVID-19 occur?

Acute Care Surge

- Is there daily tracking of hospital capacity including COVID-19 cases, hospital census, ICU census, ventilator availability, staffing and surge capacity?
- Are hospitals relying on county MHOAC for PPE, or are supply chains sufficient?
- Are hospitals testing all patients prior to admission to the hospital?
- Do hospitals have a plan for tracking and addressing occupational exposure?

Essential Workers

- How many essential workplaces are in the county?
- What guidance have you provided to your essential workplaces to ensure employees and customers are safe in accordance with state/county guidance for modifications?
- Do essential workplaces have access to key supplies like hand sanitizer, disinfectant and cleaning supplies, as well as relevant protective equipment?
- Is there a testing plan for essential workers who are sick or symptomatic?
- Is there a plan for supportive quarantine/isolation for essential workers?

Special Considerations

- Are there industries in the county that deserve special consideration in terms of mitigating the risk of COVID-19 transmission, e.g. agriculture or manufacturing?
- Are there industries in the county that make it more feasible for the county to increase the pace through stage 2, e.g. technology companies or other companies that have a high percentage of workers who can telework?

Community Engagement

- Has the county engage with its cities?
- Which key county stakeholders should be a part of formulating and implementing the proposed variance plan?
- Have virtual community forums been held to solicit input into the variance plan?
- Is community engagement reflective of the racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity of the community?

Relationship to Surrounding Counties

- Are surrounding counties experiencing increasing, decreasing or stable case rates?
- Are surrounding counties also planning to increase the pace through Stage 2 of California's roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order, and if so, on what timeline? How are you coordinating with these counties?
- How will increased regional and state travel impact the county's ability to test, isolate, and contact trace?

In addition to your county's COVID-19 VARIANCE ATTESTATION FORM, please include:

- Letter of support from the County Board of Supervisors
- Letter of support from the local hospitals or health care systems. In the event that the county does not have a hospital or health care system within its jurisdiction, a letter of support from the relevant regional health system(s) is also acceptable.
- County Plan for moving through Stage 2

All documents should be emailed to Jake Hanson at Jake.Hanson@cdph.ca.gov

I _____, hereby attest that I am duly authorized to sign and act on behalf of _____. I certify that _____ has met the readiness criteria outlined by CDPH designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and that the information provided is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. If a local COVID-19 Containment Plan is submitted for _____, I certify that it was developed with input from the County Board of Supervisors/City Council, hospitals, health systems, and a broad range of stakeholders in the jurisdiction. I acknowledge that I remain responsible for implementing the local COVID-19 Containment Plan and that CDPH, by providing technical guidance, is in no way assuming liability for its contents.

I understand and consent that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) will post this information on the CDPH website and is public record.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Position/Title _____

Date _____

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May 8, 2020

Dr. Sonia Y. Angell
State Public Health Officer and Director
California Department of Public Health
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Dear Dr. Angell:

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors without waiving any of our or our constituents' rights with regard to the California Constitution and the United States Constitution and its Bill of Rights hereby supports the Lassen County Health Officer's submittal of the Variance to State 2 of California's Roadmap to Modify the Stay-at-Home Order by the California Department of Public Health.

Sincerely,

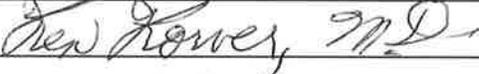
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Teeter".

DAVID TEETER, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

CC: Assemblywoman Megan Dahle
Senator Brian Dahle

I Dr. Korver, hereby attest that I am duly authorized to sign and act on behalf of Lassen (LC) Co.. I certify that LC has met the readiness criteria outlined by CDPH designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and that the information provided is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. If a local COVID-19 Containment Plan is submitted for LC, I certify that it was developed with input from the County Board of Supervisors/City Council, hospitals, health systems, and a broad range of stakeholders in the jurisdiction. I acknowledge that I remain responsible for implementing the local COVID-19 Containment Plan and that CDPH, by providing technical guidance, is in no way assuming liability for its contents.

I understand and consent that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) will post this information on the CDPH website and is public record.

Printed Name Kenneth Korver, M.D.
Signature 
Position/Title Lassen County Health Officer
Date 05/08/2020

California Department of Public Health Readiness Criteria: Lassen County

To establish readiness for an increased pace through Stage 2 of California's roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order, a county must attest to the following readiness criteria and provide the requested information as outlined below:

- I. Epidemiologic stability of COVID-19. A determination must be made by the county that the prevalence of COVID-19 cases is low enough to be swiftly contained by an epidemiological response. Given the anticipated increase in cases as a result of modifications, this is a foundational parameter that must be met to safely increase the county's progression through Stage 2. The county must attest to:

Standard 1: No more than 1 COVID-19 case per 10,000 in the past 14 days prior to attestation submission date.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

The prevalence of COVID-19 cases in Lassen County is low enough to be swiftly contained by an epidemiological response.

Lassen County has zero confirmed cases; and therefore, can attest to meeting the readiness criteria for the epidemiological stability of COVID-19 standard of no more than 1 COVID-19 case per 10,000 in the past 14 days prior to our attestation

Standard 2: No COVID-19 death in the past 14 days prior to attestation submission date.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County has no COVID-19 deaths in the past 14 days prior.

- II. Protection of Stage 1 essential workers. A determination must be made by the county that there is clear guidance and the necessary resources to ensure the safety of Stage 1 essential critical infrastructure workers. The county must attest to:

Standard 1: Guidance for employers and essential critical infrastructure workplaces on how-to structure the physical environment to protect essential workers. Please provide copies of the guidance(s).

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

All essential critical infrastructure workers have been fit tested for an N95 mask or provided surgical masks (depending on their level of direct contact with the public, patients, clients, etc.) and trained on how to properly use the PPE.

Essential staff, including social workers, first responders, and dispatch are trained to ask COVID-19 screening questions prior to making an in-person contact with an individual or family.

The Lassen Multi-Agency Joint Incident Command (IC) Safety Section provides safety information, and onsite inspections of County staff workplaces to ensure COVID-19 safety measures are in place.

First responders and coroner staff have been trained on COVID-19 precautionary measures when encountering a deceased individual(s).

In addition to handouts, signage, online CDC YouTubes, guidance provided and made available to essential staff include (attached):

- Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19 (OSHA 3990-03 2020)
- Essential/Emergency Personnel Providing Critical In-Home Services (CDPH 3/27/2020)
- Infection Prevention for Funeral Establishments Handling Deceased Cases of COVID-19 (CDPH 4/7/2020)
- Interim Emergency Medical Services Guidelines for COVID-19 (CDC)
- Use of Personal Protective Equipment during COVID-19 Outbreak (CDPH, 4/14/2020)
- Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for COVID-19 in the United States (CDC, 3/10/2020)
- Older Adults and Individuals Who Have Elevated Risk (CDPH, 3/16/2020)
- What Firefighters and EMS Providers Need to Know about COVID-19 (CDC)
- What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know about Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (CDC)
- Cleaning and Disinfection for Non-emergency Transport Vehicles (CDC)
- Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (CDC)

Standard 2: Availability of supplies (disinfectant, essential protective gear) to protect essential workers. Please describe how this availability is assessed.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

The IC Logistics Section initially surveyed all essential agencies and department heads to identify staffing levels, personal protection equipment (PPE), general office space needs, and department specific needs. Logistics developed a par stock inventory spreadsheet. Logistics provides a weekly update to the IC CNG meeting, reporting out on inventory stock on hand and pending orders. (sample report attached)

Orders are placed through MHOAC, State, and through our Amazon Business account.

- III. Testing capacity. A determination must be made by the county that there is testing capacity to detect active infection that meets the state's most current testing criteria (available on CDPH website). The county must attest to:

Standard 1: Minimum daily testing volume to test 1.5 per 1,000 residents, which can be met through a combination of testing of symptomatic individuals and targeted surveillance. Please provide the plan and the county's average daily testing volume for the past week. If the county does not believe a testing volume of 1.5 per 1,000 residents is merited, please provide justification for this.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County has the capacity to test 1.5 per 1,000 (or 27 tests per day).

Lassen County followed guidance to test only symptomatic individuals and individuals/healthcare workers/first responders who may have been in close contact with a confirmed or presumed positive COVID-19 case. We initiated this in early March due to the concerns about possible shortages of test kits and swabs statewide. Lassen PH felt that the tests could be used in other areas of the state where the prevalence of COVID-19 was increasing. Lassen acknowledges the expanded access to testing (April 19, 2020 CDPH Letter) outlining the four priorities for testing; however, since Lassen County had and still has zero confirmed cases of COVID-19, we made the decision to stay the course with our testing.

Lassen County has a contract with Shasta to provide epidemiological services, including testing. Lassen also uses two private labs (Quest, and LabCore) to test specimens; and, therefore, we can test at a minimum of 27 tests per day if needed or to expand targeted surveillance testing. (addressed below)

Standard 2: Testing availability for at least 75% of residents, as measured by a specimen collection site (including established health care providers) within 30 minutes driving time in urban areas, and 60 minutes in rural areas. Please provide a listing of all specimen collection sites in the county, whether there are any geographic areas that do not meet the criteria, and plans for filling these

gaps. If the county depends on sites in adjacent counties, please list these sites as well.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County will launch surveillance testing on or around May 18, 2020.

Lassen County is partnering with UCSF to initially offer 16,400 tests (using Verily) to conduct surveillance testing in Lassen County. Lassen County Public Health will conduct the COVID-19 testing using the drive through flu clinic model that we have successfully administered for several years.

The COVID-19 surveillance testing will take place in Susanville, and the outlying areas including Westwood, Big Valley, Herlong, and Doyle. This will provide County residents access to testing within 60 minutes of where they live.

The testing clinics will utilize Lassen County public health nurses, non-essential workers reassigned to assist the pandemic, and Lassen Community College student nurses to run the COVID-19 testing drive through clinics.

- IV. Containment capacity. A determination must be made by the county that it has adequate infrastructure, processes, and workforce to reliably detect and safely isolate new cases, as well as follow up with individuals who have been in contact with positive cases. The county must attest to:

Standard 1: Sufficient contact tracing. For counties that have no cases, there should be at least 15 staff per 100,000 county population trained and available for contact tracing; for counties with small populations, there must be at least one staff person trained and available. Please describe the county's contact tracing plan, including workforce capacity, and why it is sufficient to meet anticipated surge.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County has six in-house staff that are trained to conduct contact tracing. This is in excess of the requirement for small counties to have at least one staff person trained and available.

See attached Contact Tracing plan.

Standard 2: Availability of temporary housing units to shelter at least 15% of county residents experiencing homelessness in case of an outbreak among this population requiring isolation and quarantine of affected individuals. Please describe the county's plans to support individuals, including those experiencing

homelessness, who are not able to properly isolate in a home setting by providing them with temporary housing (including access to a private bathroom), for the duration of the necessary isolation or quarantine period.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County has established a partnership with the River Inn Hotel, and the Susanville Indian Rancheria, Diamond Mountain Hotel to utilize rooms for temporary housing for the duration of the necessary isolation or quarantine period. Combined, this provides approximately 118 available rooms.

Based on the 2020 Homeless Point in Time study, Lassen County identified 41 unsheltered homelessness individuals. Currently, there are approximately 10 individuals staying at the local Shelter. The number of available hotel rooms are sufficient for quarantine/isolation needs to meet the 15% threshold (6 homeless individuals) and as well as sheltered individuals and/or first responders and healthcare staff.

- V. Hospital capacity. A determination must be made by the county that hospital capacity, including ICU beds and ventilators, and adequate PPE is available to handle standard health care capacity, current COVID-19 cases, as well as a potential surge due to COVID-19. If the county does not have a hospital within its jurisdiction, the county will need to address how regional hospital and health care systems may be impacted by this request and demonstrate that adequate hospital capacity exists in those systems. The county must attest to:

Standard 1: County (or regional) hospital capacity to accommodate a minimum surge of 35% due to COVID-19 cases in addition to providing usual care for non-COVID-19 patients. Please describe how this surge would be accomplished, including surge census by hospital, addressing both physical and workforce capacity.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County has one hospital, Banner Lassen Medical Center. Banner has

- Beds: 26 beds (including OB)
- Surge beds: Med/surg 6 beds, Acute Resp. unit 4 beds, Pre-op 3 beds, PACU 4 beds, transition security unit 4 beds, hospitalist room 2 beds, Infusion room 4 beds, Equipment storage 1 bed, Break Room 2 beds, Bio-med room 2 beds, Pioneer Room 12 beds.

Lassen County has secured an Alternate Care Site at the Lassen Community College that may be used to care for up to 100 non-COVID-19 patients and/or 50 recovery isolation/quarantine needs.

Standard 2: County (or regional) hospital facilities have a robust plan to protect the hospital workforce, both clinical and nonclinical, with PPE. Please describe the process by which this is assessed.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County IC has a Liaison Section. This section communicates regularly with all county partners, including Banner Lassen Medical Center (BLMC). This partnership discusses the status of PPE, staffing capacity and needs, and any other concerns that any of the partners have. Lassen County IC Medical Branch communicates daily with BLMC for status updates.

BLMC plans attached.

- VI. Vulnerable populations. A determination must be made by the county that the proposed variance maintains protections for vulnerable populations, particularly those in long-term care settings. The county must attest to:
- Skilled nursing facilities (SNF) have >14-day supply of PPE on hand for staff, with established process for ongoing procurement from non-state supply chains. Please list the names and contacts of all SNFs in the county along with a description of the system the county has to track PPE availability across SNFs.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County has one skilled nursing facility (Lassen Nursing and Rehabilitation Center/LNRC). LNRC maintains a 14-day or more supply of PPE. IC Logistics will provide PPE/supplies if requested. LNRC communicates bi-weekly to report PPE supplies. LNRC procures the majority of their PPE and supplies from DSSI and McKesson vendors.

- VII. Sectors and timelines. Please provide details on the county's plan to move through Stage 2. This should include which sectors and spaces will be opened, in what sequence, on what timeline. Please specifically indicate where the plan differs from the state's order. Please note that this variance should not include sectors that are part of Stage 3.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County conducted a business readiness survey to identify the business readiness for the soft opening of Stage 2, in accordance with the State Health Officer Order issued on May 8, 2020.

Lassen County will authorize the reopening of eligible businesses and establishments with modified services in accordance with the State Health Officer Order. Lassen County IC Community Branch will notify eligible businesses via phone, email, and public notice.

A list of eligible Lassen sectors and establishments will be posted on the LassenCares.org website. Lassen County will launch the modified reopening as soon by May 11, 2020 or when we receive conformation that we have been certified by CDPH.

Since the Lassen business readiness project is already in progress, eligible businesses will be well prepared to reopen in accordance with CDC and CDPH sector guidance, as well as technical assistance from the Lassen County IC Community Branch staff. already been reviewed and any technical assistance needed to re-open or expand current services in a COVID-19 safe way. Technical assistance may include strategies to increase sanitation and disinfecting practices, signage, or any other resources prior to re-opening. Sector specific guidance provided.

Once Lassen County receives CDPH certification, the following list of Stage 2 sectors, businesses, establishments, and activities will be able to reopen with modifications. Examples of guidance provided includes:

- All florists, toy stores, music stores, bookstores, clothing stores, and sporting goods stores reopen for curbside pick-up with adherence to distancing and infection control protocols;
- Car dealership showrooms open for sales with adherence to distancing and infection control protocols.

Guidance:

- Open for Business, A Blueprint for Shopping Safe;
- Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, School, and Homes.

VIII. Triggers for adjusting modifications. Please share the county metrics that would serve as triggers for either slowing the pace through Stage 2 or tightening modifications, including the frequency of measurement and the specific actions triggered by metric changes. Please include your plan for how the county will

inform the state of emerging concerns and how it will implement early containment measures.

Lassen Response:

Continued evaluation and monitoring:

- Regional medical and EMS data will be monitored, including hospital trigger indicators:

BLMC Hospital triggers include:

2A Trigger: # of patients

Green 15

Yellow 24

Red >25

2B Trigger: # of patients

Green 23

Yellow >39

Red >39

- BLMC will continue to provide situation reports to IC
- Local and regional testing will continue to be monitored by IC and PH
- Case investigations and contact tracing will take place on all positive COVID-19 cases and presumed positive COVID-19 (pending tests).
- Will continue to review Coroner reports

Should an increase in illness occur, targeted mitigation measures will be initiated as determined by the EOC, IC Medical Operations, and PH. This may include one or more of the following:

- Increased monitoring of exposed contacts
- Stricter quarantine measures
- Increased recommended use of PPE
- Recommended reduction in worksite staff
- Sanitation of a specific facility
- Closure or partial closure of a specific facility
- Recommended reduction in social gatherings
- Return to takeout only options for restaurants
- Cancellation of elective procedures

VI. Your plan for moving through Stage 2. Please provide details on your plan for county to move through opening sectors and spaces that are part of the State's plan for Stage 2. A reminder, that this variance only covers those areas that are part of Stage 2, up to, but not including Stage 3. For additional details on sectors and spaces included in Stage 2, please go to the California Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response County variance web page.

Lassen Response:

For the State 2 Variance Lassen County will use data from the Lassen business readiness survey to identify the business readiness for eligible businesses and establishments in accordance with the State Health Order issued on May 8, 2020.

Lassen County IC Community Branch will notify eligible businesses via phone, email, and public notice. A list of eligible sectors and establishments will be posted on the LassenCares.org website. Lassen County will launch the variance of Stage 2 reopening as soon as Lassen County receives confirmation of certification from CDPH of our Health Officer's attestation.

Since the Lassen business readiness project is already in progress, eligible businesses will be well prepared to reopen in accordance with CDC and CDPH sector guidance, as well as technical assistance from the Lassen County IC Community Branch staff. already been reviewed and any technical assistance needed to re-open or expand current services in a COVID-19 safe way. Technical assistance may include strategies to increase sanitation and disinfecting practices, signage, or any other resources prior to re-opening. Sector specific guidance provided.

Once Lassen County receives CDPH certification, the following list of Stage 2 sectors, businesses, establishments, and activities will be able to reopen with modifications.

Sectors eligible for the Stage 2 variance and guidance includes:

- Retail Sector, including shopping malls and swap meets - Open for Business, A Blueprint for Shopping Safe; Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, School, and Homes.
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- Pet grooming- COVID-19 and Animals (CDC)
- Tanning facilities-Recommended Guidance for Salons, Barber Shops and Spas (Idaho)
- Landscape gardening- Landscape Industry Guidance for Business Operations during COVID-19
- Office-based businesses - Open for Business, A Blueprint for Shopping Safe; Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, School, and Homes. Prepare your Small Business and Employees for the Effects of COVID-19. Telework remains strongly encouraged.
- Dine-in restaurant -What Grocery and Food Retail Workers Need to Know about COVID-19

- Outdoor museums and open gallery spaces - COVID-19 Outdoor Recreation, Facilities and Public Guidelines; Visiting Parks and Recreational Facilities

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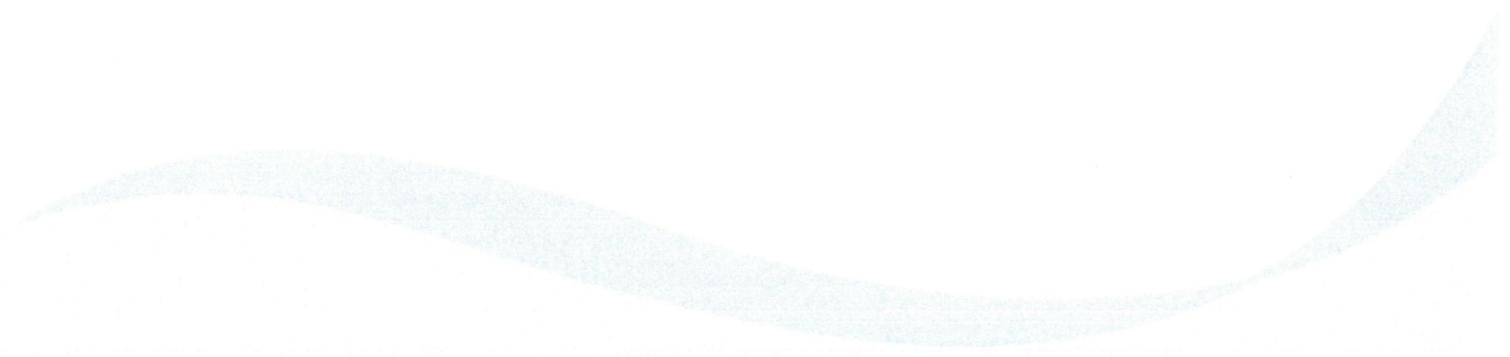
Dr. Kenneth Korver
Lassen County Public Health Officer
575 Hospital Lane
Susanville, CA 96130

Dear Dr. Korver,

I am writing this letter in support of reopening Lassen County, in accordance with the Lassen County Recovery Plan and California Department of Public Health, Lassen County Health Officer's COVID-19 Variance Attestation. The members of the community have done a tremendous job in following the Governor's Stay at Home Order during these past several weeks. Throughout the entire pandemic, Lassen County remains as one of the few counties within the State of California with no known positive cases. As such, I feel it is safe and am in full support of beginning to reopen services, as outlined in the plan and attestation.

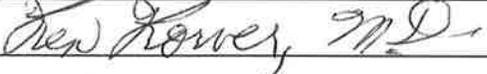
Respectfully,

Sandy Dugger
Chief Executive Officer
Banner Lassen Medical Center



I Dr. Korver, hereby attest that I am duly authorized to sign and act on behalf of Lassen (LC) Co.. I certify that LC has met the readiness criteria outlined by CDPH designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and that the information provided is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. If a local COVID-19 Containment Plan is submitted for LC, I certify that it was developed with input from the County Board of Supervisors/City Council, hospitals, health systems, and a broad range of stakeholders in the jurisdiction. I acknowledge that I remain responsible for implementing the local COVID-19 Containment Plan and that CDPH, by providing technical guidance, is in no way assuming liability for its contents.

I understand and consent that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) will post this information on the CDPH website and is public record.

Printed Name Kenneth Korver, M.D.
Signature 
Position/Title Lassen County Health Officer
Date 05/08/2020

California Department of Public Health Readiness Criteria: Lassen County

To establish readiness for an increased pace through Stage 2 of California's roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order, a county must attest to the following readiness criteria and provide the requested information as outlined below:

- I. Epidemiologic stability of COVID-19. A determination must be made by the county that the prevalence of COVID-19 cases is low enough to be swiftly contained by an epidemiological response. Given the anticipated increase in cases as a result of modifications, this is a foundational parameter that must be met to safely increase the county's progression through Stage 2. The county must attest to:

Standard 1: No more than 1 COVID-19 case per 10,000 in the past 14 days prior to attestation submission date.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

The prevalence of COVID-19 cases in Lassen County is low enough to be swiftly contained by an epidemiological response.

Lassen County has zero confirmed cases; and therefore, can attest to meeting the readiness criteria for the epidemiological stability of COVID-19 standard of no more than 1 COVID-19 case per 10,000 in the past 14 days prior to our attestation.

Standard 2: No COVID-19 death in the past 14 days prior to attestation submission date.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County has no COVID-19 deaths in the past 14 days prior.

- II. Protection of Stage 1 essential workers. A determination must be made by the county that there is clear guidance and the necessary resources to ensure the safety of Stage 1 essential critical infrastructure workers. The county must attest to:

Standard 1: Guidance for employers and essential critical infrastructure workplaces on how-to structure the physical environment to protect essential workers. Please provide copies of the guidance(s).

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

All essential critical infrastructure workers have been fit tested for an N95 mask or provided surgical masks (depending on their level of direct contact with the public, patients, clients, etc.) and trained on how to properly use the PPE.

Essential staff, including social workers, first responders, and dispatch are trained to ask COVID-19 screening questions prior to making an in-person contact with an individual or family.

The Lassen Multi-Agency Joint Incident Command (IC) Safety Section provides safety information, and onsite inspections of County staff workplaces to ensure COVID-19 safety measures are in place.

First responders and coroner staff have been trained on COVID-19 precautionary measures when encountering a deceased individual(s).

In addition to handouts, signage, online CDC YouTubes, guidance provided and made available to essential staff include (attached):

- Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdfEssential/Emergency>
- Personnel Providing Critical In-Home Services
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/EssentialEmergencyPersonnelProvidingCriticalInHomeServices.aspx>
- Infection Prevention for Funeral Establishments Handling Deceased Cases of COVID-19
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/funerals.aspx>
- Interim Emergency Medical Services Guidelines for COVID-19
<https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2020/03/COVID-19-Memo-to-EMS-Partners-007-1.pdf>
- Use of Personal Protective Equipment during COVID-19 Outbreak
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/UseofPersonalProtectiveEquipmentduringCOVID19.aspx>
- Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for COVID-19 in the United

States <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-for-ems.html>

- Older Adults and Individuals Who Have Elevated Risk
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/PublicHealthGuidanceSelfIsolationforOlderAdultsandThoseWhoHaveElevatedRisk.aspx>
- What Firefighters and EMS Providers Need to Know about COVID-19
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/firefighter-EMS.html>
- What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know about Coronavirus Disease 2019
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-law-enforcement.html>
- Cleaning and Disinfection for Non-emergency Transport Vehicles
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/disinfecting-transport-vehicles.html>
- Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>
- PPE and Isolation Guide (Banner Health, Attached)
- Respirator Fit Test Form and OSHA Infosheet (Attached)

Standard 2: Availability of supplies (disinfectant, essential protective gear) to protect essential workers. Please describe how this availability is assessed.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

The IC Logistics Section initially surveyed all essential agencies and department heads to identify staffing levels, personal protection equipment (PPE), general office space needs, and department specific needs. Logistics developed a par stock inventory spreadsheet. IC Logistics developed a Supply Pick Up Procedures document and distributed it to department representatives (Attached). IC Logistics has a dedicated email address at phelogistics@co.lassen.ca.us

IC Logistics provides a weekly update at the IC CNG meeting, reporting out on the inventory stock on hand and pending orders. (See attached sample report)

Supply list includes:

N95 Masks	Surgical (procedure mask)	Cavi Wipes
Surgical Gowns	Isolation Gowns	Disinfectant
Disposable Lab Coats	Face Shields	Sanitizer
Goggles	Shoe Covers	

Gloves – Various

Tyvek Suits

Orders are placed through MHOAC, State, and through our Amazon Business account.

- III. Testing capacity. A determination must be made by the county that there is testing capacity to detect active infection that meets the state's most current testing criteria (available on CDPH website). The county must attest to:

Standard 1: Minimum daily testing volume to test 1.5 per 1,000 residents, which can be met through a combination of testing of symptomatic individuals and targeted surveillance. Please provide the plan and the county's average daily testing volume for the past week. If the county does not believe a testing volume of 1.5 per 1,000 residents is merited, please provide justification for this.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard

Lassen County has the capacity to test 1.5 per 1,000 (approximately 27 tests per day).

Lassen County has over 5000 swab kits available for testing with additional kits being delivered during the week of May 11, 2020. Lassen tests symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals; however, the current testing volume is low due to the small number of health providers and individuals presenting to be tested. Specimen samples are collected at:

Banner Health Clinic, 1680 Paul Bunyan Road, Susanville, CA 96130
Northeastern Rural Health Clinic, 1850 Spring Ridge Dr, Susanville, CA 96130
Susanville Indian Rancheria, 795 Joaquin St, Susanville, CA 96130
554-850 Medical Center Dr, Bieber, CA 96009

Lassen County has a contract with Shasta County Laboratory Services to provide epidemiological services, including testing. Lassen also uses two private labs (Quest, and LabCorps) to test specimens; and, therefore, we can test at a minimum of 27 tests per day if needed or to expand targeted surveillance testing. (further discussed below).

Lassen County has a transportation unit that delivers test specimens to Shasta County and is available to transport specimens seven days a week, with up to two deliveries per day. Additional deliveries are available upon request.

Lassen County has a population of approximately 31,000. Of this number, approximately 10,000 are incarcerated at two state correctional facilities or the one federal correction facility. Lassen County IC has liaisons with each of the correctional facilities. Since these facilities are administered through the state

and federal authorities, they receive testing supplies and guidance through these authorities; however, Lassen County MHOAC and Logistics is capable to provide testing and resources available should they be needed.

Standard 2: Testing availability for at least 75% of residents, as measured by a specimen collection site (including established health care providers) within 30 minutes driving time in urban areas, and 60 minutes in rural areas. Please provide a listing of all specimen collection sites in the county, whether there are any geographic areas that do not meet the criteria, and plans for filling these gaps. If the county depends on sites in adjacent counties, please list these sites as well.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County will launch surveillance testing on or around May 18, 2020.

Lassen County is partnering with UCSF and Verily to offer Lassen County residents mass testing, with an initial order of 16,400 tests to conduct surveillance testing and an additional 3,600 tests as needed, for a total of 20,000 test kits. Lassen County Public Health will conduct the COVID-19 testing using the drive through flu clinic model that we have successfully administered for several years.

The COVID-19 surveillance testing will take place in Susanville, and the outlying rural areas including:

- Lassen Community College, 478-200 CA-139, Susanville, CA 96130 (see attached plan)
- Westwood Family Resource Center, 463-975 Birch St, Westwood, CA 96137
- Big Valley Family Resource Center, 125 Highway 299E, Bieber, CA 96009
- Ft. Sage, Family Resource Center, 170 David S Hall Ave, Herlong, CA 96113.

Having This will provide County residents access to testing within 60 minutes of where they live.

The testing clinics will utilize Lassen County public health nurses, non-essential workers reassigned to assist the pandemic, and trained Lassen Community College student nurses to run the COVID-19 testing drive through clinics.

- IV. Containment capacity. A determination must be made by the county that it has adequate infrastructure, processes, and workforce to reliably detect and safely

isolate new cases, as well as follow up with individuals who have been in contact with positive cases. The county must attest to:

Standard 1: Sufficient contact tracing. For counties that have no cases, there should be at least 15 staff per 100,000 county population trained and available for contact tracing; for counties with small populations, there must be at least one staff person trained and available. Please describe the county's contact tracing plan, including workforce capacity, and why it is sufficient to meet anticipated surge.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County has two Public Health Nurse to conduct contact tracing. Six in-house staff (including our PH nurses) are currently participating in the CDPH Virtual Training Academy. Lassen Community College Nursing Students will be training to assist with the contact tracing in the event of a surge. This is in excess of the requirement for small counties to have at least one staff person trained and available.

Lassen County plan includes initiating a contact tracing interview for individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or presumed to be COVID-19 positive. Lassen County currently utilizes the CDC Contact Investigation guidance and interview checklist and will incorporate newly received information and guidance from the CDPH Virtual Training Academy upon completion of the training.

Standard 2: Availability of temporary housing units to shelter at least 15% of county residents experiencing homelessness in case of an outbreak among this population requiring isolation and quarantine of affected individuals. Please describe the county's plans to support individuals, including those experiencing homelessness, who are not able to properly isolate in a home setting by providing them with temporary housing (including access to a private bathroom), for the duration of the necessary isolation or quarantine period.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County has established a partnership with the River Inn Hotel, Susanville Super 8 Hotel, and the Susanville Indian Rancheria Diamond Mountain Hotel to utilize rooms for temporary housing for the duration of the necessary isolation or quarantine period. Combined, this provides approximately 138 available rooms.

Based on the 2020 Homeless Point in Time study, Lassen County identified 41 unsheltered homelessness individuals. Currently, there are approximately 10 individuals staying at the local Shelter. The number of available hotel rooms are sufficient for the quarantine/isolation needs exceeds the 15% threshold of homeless individuals, first responders, and healthcare staff.

- V. Hospital capacity. A determination must be made by the county that hospital capacity, including ICU beds and ventilators, and adequate PPE is available to handle standard health care capacity, current COVID-19 cases, as well as a potential surge due to COVID-19. If the county does not have a hospital within its jurisdiction, the county will need to address how regional hospital and health care systems may be impacted by this request and demonstrate that adequate hospital capacity exists in those systems. The county must attest to:

Standard 1: County (or regional) hospital capacity to accommodate a minimum surge of 35% due to COVID-19 cases in addition to providing usual care for non-COVID-19 patients. Please describe how this surge would be accomplished, including surge census by hospital, addressing both physical and workforce capacity.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County has one hospital, Banner Lassen Medical Center. Banner has a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan that addresses surge, bed availability, triggers, and staffing (pgs. 8, 17, 57) and a COVID-10 Cohort Plan (attached). A summary of physical capacity includes:

- Beds: 25 beds (including OB)
- Surge beds: Med/surg 6 beds, Acute Resp. unit 4 beds, Pre-op 3 beds, PACU 4 beds, transition security unit 4 beds, hospitalist room 2 beds, Infusion room 4 beds, Equipment storage 1 bed, Break Room 2 beds, Bio-med room 2 beds, Pioneer Room 12 beds.

CDPH surveyed Banner Lassen Medical Center for COVID-19 response and found no compliance issues.

Lassen County has secured an Alternate Care Site at the Lassen Community College that may be used to care for up to 100 non-COVID-19 patients and/or 50 recovery isolation/quarantine needs. The ACS will be staffed by contract staff, Healthcorps staff, re-directed non-essential healthcare professional staff, and/or para-professional staff.

Standard 2: County (or regional) hospital facilities have a robust plan to protect the hospital workforce, both clinical and nonclinical, with PPE. Please describe the process by which this is assessed.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County IC has a Liaison Section. This section communicates regularly with all county partners, including Banner Lassen Medical Center (BLMC). This partnership discusses the status of PPE, staffing capacity and needs, and any other concerns that any of the partners have. Lassen County IC Medical Branch communicates daily with BLMC for status updates. (see Banner PPE and Isolation Guide referenced in guidance for employers and essential critical infrastructure workplace section of this document.

VI. Vulnerable populations. A determination must be made by the county that the proposed variance maintains protections for vulnerable populations, particularly those in long-term care settings. The county must attest to:

- Skilled nursing facilities (SNF) have >14-day supply of PPE on hand for staff, with established process for ongoing procurement from non-state supply chains. Please list the names and contacts of all SNFs in the county along with a description of the system the county has to track PPE availability across SNFs.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County meets this standard.

Lassen County has one skilled nursing facility

Lassen Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 2005 River St, Susanville CA, (530) 257-5341.

LNRC maintains a 14-day or more supply of PPE. IC Logistics provides PPE/supplies if requested. LNRC communicates bi-weekly to IC Logistics to report PPE supplies on hand. LNRC procures the majority of their PPE and supplies from DSSI and McKesson vendors.

VII. Sectors and timelines. Please provide details on the county's plan to move through Stage 2. This should include which sectors and spaces will be opened, in what sequence, on what timeline. Please specifically indicate where the plan differs from the state's order. Please note that this variance should not include sectors that are part of Stage 3.

Lassen Response:

Lassen County conducted a business readiness assessment to identify the business readiness for the soft opening of Stage 2, in accordance with the State Health Officer Order issued on May 7, 2020.

Lassen County will authorize the reopening of eligible businesses and establishments with modified services in accordance with the modified State Health Officer Order. Lassen County IC Community Branch will notify eligible businesses via phone, email, and/or public notice.

A list of eligible Lassen sectors and establishments will be posted on the LassenCares.org website. Lassen County will launch the modified reopening as soon by May 11, 2020.

Since the Lassen business readiness project is already in progress, eligible businesses will be well prepared to reopen in accordance with CDC and CDPH sector guidance, as well as from the technical assistance provided by the Lassen County IC Community Branch staff. Technical assistance may include strategies to improve social distancing, increase sanitation and disinfecting practices, signage, face coverings, or any other resource/information needed prior to re-opening.

The following list of Stage 2 sectors, businesses, establishments, and activities will be able to reopen with modifications which aligns with CDPH Resilience Roadmap.

- All florists, toy stores, music stores, bookstores, clothing stores, and sporting goods stores reopen for curbside pick-up with adherence to distancing and infection control protocols;
- Car dealership showrooms open for sales with adherence to distancing and infection control protocols.

Guidance:

- Open for Business, A Blueprint for Shopping Safe;
<https://www.rila.org/shop-safe>
- Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, School, and Homes
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>

VIII. Triggers for adjusting modifications. Please share the county metrics that would serve as triggers for either slowing the pace through Stage 2 or tightening

modifications, including the frequency of measurement and the specific actions triggered by metric changes. Please include your plan for how the county will inform the state of emerging concerns and how it will implement early containment measures.

Lassen Response:

Continued evaluation and monitoring:

- Regional medical and EMS data will be monitored daily, including hospital trigger indicators. BLMC uses a color-coded system that triggers the need for additional beds, equipment, and staffing. A summary as follows: (See attached BLMC Trigger Points for more detail)

BLMC Hospital triggers include:

2A Trigger: # of patients

Green 15

Yellow 24

Red >25

2B Trigger: # of patients

Green 23

Yellow >39

Red >39

- BLMC will continue to provide situation reports to IC
- Local and regional testing will continue to be monitored by IC and PH
- Case investigations and contact tracing will take place on all positive COVID-19 cases and presumed positive COVID-19
- Will continue to review Coroner reports

Should an increase in illness occur, targeted mitigation measures will be initiated as determined by the EOC, IC Medical Operations, and PH. This may include one or more of the following:

- Increased monitoring of exposed contacts
- Stricter quarantine measures
- Increased recommended use of PPE
- Recommended reduction in worksite staff
- Sanitation of a specific facility
- Closure or partial closure of a specific facility
- Recommended reduction in social gatherings
- Return to takeout only options for restaurants
- Cancellation of elective procedures

Lassen County PH will communicate with CDPH through the CDPH COVID-19 Warmline with information related to first positive case, first death, first pregnant women with COVID-19, and surge trends should any of these incidences present in Lassen County. Lassen County PH will continue to communicate with CDPH established staff contacts with questions as well.

VI. Your plan for moving through Stage 2. Please provide details on your plan for county to move through opening sectors and spaces that are part of the State's plan for Stage 2. A reminder, that this variance only covers those areas that are part of Stage 2, up to, but not including Stage 3. For additional details on sectors and spaces included in Stage 2, please go to the California Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response County variance web page.

Lassen Response:

For the Stage 2 Variance, Lassen County identified the businesses that are eligible ready to reopen or modify services in accordance with CDPH Resilience Roadmap.

Lassen County IC Community Branch will notify eligible businesses via phone, email, and/or public notice. A list of eligible sectors and establishments will be posted on the LassenCares.org website. Lassen County will launch the variance of Stage 2 reopening as soon as Lassen County receives confirmation of certification from CDPH of our Health Officer's attestation with a target date of May 15, 2020.

Since the Lassen business readiness project is already in progress, eligible businesses will be well prepared to reopen in accordance with CDC and CDPH sector guidance, as well as from the technical assistance provided by the Lassen County IC Community Branch staff. Technical assistance may include strategies to improve social distancing, increase sanitation and disinfecting practices, signage, and/or any other resources and information needed to re-opening successfully.

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