

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



COVID-19 COUNTY VARIANCE ATTESTATION FORM

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FOR PLACER COUNTY

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## 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 14<sup>th</sup>, the State presented the Pandemic Roadmap, a four-stage plan for modifying the Stay-at-Home order, and, on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:Jake.Hanson@cdph.ca.gov) to set up a time with our technical assistance team.

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### **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.

*Placer County has approximately 400,000 residents, so it must have no more than 40 cases in the past 14 days to meet this requirement. There have been 27 cases reported in Placer County in the previous 14 days. Therefore, the County meets this requirement.*

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

*Placer County meets this requirement because there has not been a COVID-19 death reported since April 16, 2020.*

- **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).

*Placer County acted in March and April to develop and distribute guidance including protocols to protect Stage 1 essential workers. On March 19, the Placer County Health Officer released a directive that stressed the importance of essential businesses adhering to physical distancing. On April 10, the Health Officer released a public health order that made development, posting, and implementation of a physical distancing protocol mandatory for essential businesses that were open in Stage 1. The protocol is checklist-based and reviews staying home when sick, wearing face coverings, maintaining 6-foot spacing, and increasing sanitation measures. Employers were required to provide a copy of their completed protocol to all employees. Additional physical distancing plans were developed and shared for golf courses and outdoor shooting/archery ranges in mid-April. When the Health Officer order to shelter in place expired on May 1, Stage 1 businesses were encouraged to continue to follow the protocols as guidance. Placer County continues to meet regularly with local agencies, stakeholders and community partners to review guidance and develop public outreach strategies to ensure all employers and employees are aware of published guidance, including newly-released CDPH and Cal/OSHA guidance for Stage 1 businesses.*

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

*Placer County works with our Procurement staff to publish a current list of suppliers and services for essential workers, including PPE and disinfectant. This list is updated regularly as suppliers are added or removed based on their communication with Procurement about availability.*

- **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.

*Placer County has approximately 400,000 residents, so it must have a minimum daily testing volume of 600 tests to meet this requirement. The highest volume of tests run per day in the 2 weeks prior to attestation submission has been 294 (with an average of 143 tests per day over 14 days). However, testing capacity in Placer County exceeds the required 600 tests per day. Testing volume has not matched testing capacity because the shelter in place order has kept the numbers of symptomatic persons needing testing low. As CDPH's testing criteria have expanded to include mildly symptomatic and asymptomatic persons, Placer County has encouraged providers to test more widely, encouraged residents to seek testing, and is implementing surveillance testing for vulnerable populations.*

*We estimate Placer County's testing capacity as follows:*

- *OptumServe test sites in Roseville and North Tahoe: 264 tests/day*
- *Sutter health system: 150 tests/day*
- *Kaiser Permanente health system: 250 tests/day*
- *Ambulatory care sites using commercial laboratories: at least 100 tests/day*

*The County plans to increase testing volume in the coming weeks, in part by implementing a targeted surveillance program in skilled nursing facilities. The surveillance program has a goal of testing approximately 10-20% of residents and staff in every skilled nursing facility each week.*

*As demonstrated by testing capacity and its plans to increase testing volume, Placer County will be able to meet our community's needs during Stage 2 of reopening.*

- o 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.

*Placer County has approximately 400,000 residents, so 75% of residents equates to 300,000 people in Placer County. With new OptumServe sites placed strategically in populous South Placer (Roseville) and East Placer (Kings Beach), and another site coordinated with neighboring Nevada County to ensure Mid-Placer residents are served (Grass Valley), in addition to specimen collection being conducted by health care providers throughout the County, most residents are within a 30-60 minute drive of a specimen collection site. All geographic areas meet this criterion.*

**Sites in Placer County:**

- *OptumServe Kings Beach Site – North Tahoe Event Center; OptumServe Roseville site - @the Grounds*
- *Numerous health care providers, including but not limited to: Auburn Medical Group (Auburn); Chapa-De Indian Health (Auburn); Kaiser Permanente (Roseville); Rocklin Family Practice and Sports Medicine (Rocklin); Stallant Health (Weimar); Sutter Health (Roseville, Auburn); Turnure Medical Group (Rocklin); Western Sierra Medical Clinic (Auburn, Kings Beach)*

**Sites in adjacent counties:**

- *Verily drive-through testing site (Sacramento County); OptumServe Grass Valley site (Nevada County); additional OptumServe sites in Yolo, Yuba, and El Dorado counties are within approximately 30 miles of many residents.*

*In addition, residents throughout Placer can collect their own specimens and mail them in using LabCorp's Pixel At-Home Kit.*

- **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:
  - o 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.

*Placer County has approximately 400,000 residents, so it must have at least 60 staff to meet the requirement of 15 staff per 100,000 county population for sufficient contact tracing. The County has implemented a plan to expand from its current team of 15 contact tracing staff to at least 60 trained staff over the next*

*one to two weeks. We will continue to utilize our existing 15 COVID-19 trained and experienced Epidemiology, Communicable Disease, and Public Health Nursing staff in the Public Health Division who have been conducting containment activities since early March 2020. Beginning May 11, we will train 10 additional Public Health staff, 15 Health and Human Services Department staff, and 15 staff from other County departments on how to follow up with individuals who have been in contact with positive cases using a combination of materials developed by Placer County as well as an online contact tracing academy developed by the State of California in collaboration with UCSF and UCLA. In addition to training redirected County staff, we will request approximately 30 COVID-19-trained employees from the State once they become available and our caseload requires additional staffing. Taken together, these steps will provide a team of 85 trained contact tracers and investigators. Finally, we will recruit and hire part-time staff from the community as needed to ensure our continued ability to quickly detect and safely isolate new cases and follow up with their contacts. This staffing model provides us with the flexibility to scale staffing up or down as needed, sustain contact tracing, and meet the anticipated surge. Placer County will continue to implement and improve existing contact tracing protocols and processes, and will utilize enhanced contact tracing tools provided by the State as soon as they are made available.*

- 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.

*Placer County has sufficient temporary housing units to shelter more than 15% of its residents experiencing homelessness and requiring isolation and quarantine. Our last homeless count in January 2020 counted 744 individuals; fifteen percent of this total would be 112 persons. With two motel/hotel contracts, eight beds in our county-owned Interim Care Program facility and 12 OES/FEMA trailers, we have more than 137 beds available to shelter homeless individuals for this purpose. In addition, we are finalizing an agreement to use up to 60 college dorm rooms if needed. Finally, we have the ability to use 10 additional beds at one of our leased motel facilities, contract with a motel in Auburn for up to 15 rooms, contract with a retreat center in Applegate for 37 rooms, and contract with a resort in Tahoe City for five more rooms. The great majority of these rooms have access to a private bathroom. Taken together, we have the ability to increase our capacity to serve this population to over 200 beds, significantly more than the required 112 beds.*

- **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.

*Placer County's three hospitals (Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital, Sutter Roseville Medical Center, and Kaiser Permanente Roseville Medical Center) have substantial capacity, including ICU beds, ventilators, and adequate PPE available to handle standard health care capacity, current COVID-19 cases, and potential surge due to COVID-19.*

*All three hospitals have increased surge capacity well above the defined level of 35%. Sutter Roseville Medical Center's surge plan supports a phased-in expansion from a baseline capacity of 272 beds (including 56 critical care beds) to 448 beds (including 150 critical care beds). Sutter Auburn Faith's baseline bed capacity is 60 (including 4 critical care beds), and its surge plan relies on transferring patients within the region, including to Sutter Roseville Medical Center. Kaiser Permanente Roseville Medical Center's multistage surge plan enables expansion from a baseline of 176 beds (including 30 critical care beds) to a total of 520 beds (including 116 critical care beds). Robust plans are in place to increase capacity and capability, including increased volumes of staff trained to respond to a likely COVID-19 surge event. All staff have received COVID-19 training. Surge locations and space allocation have been defined with staged lateral expansion inclusive of accommodating a significant influx of patients requiring intensive care. Supply planning has been executed with identification of required equipment; that equipment is prepared and secured, ready for use at each surge location.*

- 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.

*All three Placer County hospitals have robust plans to protect their workforce with PPE. Their PPE supply is stable with the ability to requisition additional supplies regionally within the respective systems. Weekly, Placer County conducts scheduled check-in teleconferences with hospital executives to track PPE availability, facility status, and provide COVID-19 updates and technical assistance. Hospitals, like all health care facilities and first responder agencies, may submit resource requests to the Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) for PPE. Such requests are an*

*indication that a hospital may have a disruption in the PPE procurement supply chain and result in additional outreach by Placer County. Placer County maintains close relationships with hospital emergency preparedness coordinators, in part through the Placer County Health Care Coalition.*

**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:

- o 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..

*Each of Placer County's 10 skilled nursing facilities (SNF) have at least a 14-day supply of PPE on hand for staff, and established processes for ongoing procurement from non-state supply chains. SNFs in Placer County and their designated contact persons include:*

- *Auburn Oaks Care Center (Ethan Flake)*
- *Auburn Ravine Terrace (Sharon Trudeau)*
- *Lincoln Meadows Care Center (Kevin Hadfield)*
- *Oakridge Healthcare Center (Jason Pollock)*
- *Pine Creek Care Center (Todd Pratt)*
- *Rock Creek Care Center (Ryan Nakao)*
- *Roseville Care Center (Jeff Jamieson)*
- *Roseville Point Health & Wellness Center (Jorin Larson)*
- *Westview Healthcare Center (Matt Taylor)*
- *Siena Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (Eric VanWallegghem)*

*Placer County conducts scheduled check-in teleconferences weekly with SNFs to track PPE availability, facility status, and provide COVID-19 updates and technical assistance. An infection prevention subject matter expert from the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) Healthcare-Associated Infections Program participates in these calls. CDPH conducts a daily survey of SNFs statewide and shares the results with local health departments. Placer County Public Health regularly monitors the survey results to determine if any facilities in Placer are reporting PPE shortages. The SNFs, like all healthcare facilities and first responder agencies, may submit resource requests for PPE to the MHOAC. Such a request is an indication that a SNF may have a disruption in the PPE procurement supply chain, and results in additional outreach. Finally, when a SNF has a positive COVID-19 case, Placer County inquires whether or not the SNF has sufficient PPE to keep its staff and patients safe, and provides support accordingly.*



- **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.

*On May 8, early Stage 2 retail (curbside and delivery only), manufacturing, and related logistics were allowed to resume in Placer County per the statewide stay-at-home order. Following attestation, businesses within later Stage 2 will be permitted to reopen as early as May 12 (or upon posting of this attestation on the CDPH website, whichever occurs later) if they have implemented appropriate guidance. These later Stage 2 businesses include:*

- *Destination retail, including shopping malls and swap meets.*
- *Personal services, limited to: car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities, and landscape gardening.*
- *Office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)*
- *Dine-in restaurants (other facility amenities, like bars or gaming areas, are not permitted)*
- *Childcare facilities*
- *Outdoor museums and open gallery spaces*

*Schools are not currently planned for reopening as part of later Stage 2.*

*Placer County staff will work through our existing community networks to share this plan with Stage 2 businesses that are reopening. Reopening of Stage 2 businesses is contingent upon their readiness to implement and comply with sector-specific guidance. No Stage 3 sectors or businesses will be allowed to reopen under this variance.*

Our community partners will continue to inform the County as we develop and disseminate additional sector-specific guidance to enable safe Stage 2 reopening. Stage 2 guidance is subject to updates by Placer County, CDPH, and other local, state and federal agencies. The latest guidance will always be available at [www.placer.ca.gov/reopen](http://www.placer.ca.gov/reopen). Initial guidance is as follows:

Destination retail, including shopping malls and swap meets	<u>Follow CDPH and Cal/OSHA guidance for retailers; prepare a plan, and post the checklist for retailers.</u>
Personal services, limited to: car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities, and landscape gardening	<u>Follow interim Placer County guidance; prepare a plan, and post the interim checklist.</u>
Outdoor museums and open gallery spaces	<u>Follow interim Placer County guidance; prepare a plan, and post the interim checklist.</u>
Office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)	<u>Follow CDPH and Cal/OSHA guidance for businesses operating in office workspaces; prepare a plan, and post the checklist for office workspaces</u>
Dine-in restaurants (other facility amenities, like bars or gaming areas, are not permitted)	<u>Follow interim Placer County guidance for restaurants; prepare a plan and post the interim checklist.</u>
Childcare	<u>Follow CDSS guidance.</u>
Schools	Schools are not currently planned for reopening within Stage 2.

Supportive materials for businesses such as signage, posters, and a resource list to help businesses make necessary modifications and encourage safe practices are also posted at [www.placer.ca.gov/reopen](http://www.placer.ca.gov/reopen).

Placer County staff will enlist regional economic development stakeholders (cities, Economic Development Directors, and Chambers of Commerce) to educate Placer businesses regarding the importance of vigilant adherence to public health protocols to prevent falling back into closure. We have been meeting with these parties weekly since the crisis began, and they share our commitment to reopen responsibly to protect the health and well-being of Placer communities.

In addition to the sector-specific guidance outlined above, the following guidance remains in place for ALL Placer County residents throughout Stage 2:

- Anyone who is feeling ill should stay home.
- Vulnerable (high risk) individuals are encouraged to stay at home.

- *Individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering when in public, if maintaining six feet of physical distance from others is not possible.*
  - *When in public, maximize physical distance from others (at least six feet).*
  - *Maintain good hygiene practices by washing hands, using hand sanitizer, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, and covering coughs and sneezes.*
  - *Gathering with others who are not part of your household is not allowed.*
  - *Non-essential travel is not allowed.*
- **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.

*With reopening and more Placer residents coming into close contact with one another, we expect that cases of COVID-19 will increase, along with hospitalizations, and even deaths. A major goal of sheltering in place has been to “flatten the curve” and avoid overwhelming the health care system, and this will remain the focus of ongoing monitoring as Placer gradually reopens. Placer Public Health will review data daily to determine if it is necessary to return to the previous reopening Stage in order to avoid overwhelming the health care system. We will be proactive, not reactive, in tightening mitigation measures such that a return to the previous Stage will be implemented when one or more of the following indicators are met, thereby demonstrating a trajectory that could result in the health care system being overwhelmed:*

- *Epidemiologic indicators: Doubling time of cases less than 5 days for 5 consecutive days*
- *Health care indicators: Increasing number of new health care worker infections for 5 consecutive days; Less than 7-day supply of PPE for health care workers; Hospital census above 135% baseline capacity*
- *Public health indicators: Unable to elicit contacts for 20% or more of cases; 10% or more of symptomatic contacts fail to get tested or get tested more than 48 hours after symptom onset; Insufficient voluntary isolation facilities for non-hospitalized COVID-19 cases who can’t safely remain at home (due to space constraints, vulnerable household members, or otherwise).*

*The Health Officer will notify the CDPH Duty Officer of emerging concerns within 24 hours. The final decision to return to a previous Stage will be made by the Placer County Health Officer after consultation with CDPH.*

- **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](#)

*See Sectors and Timelines above.*

### 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.

***TO BE COMPLETED IN THE FUTURE ONCE REVIEWED WITH STAKEHOLDERS.***

#### 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 safety quarantine individuals who have been exposed?
- Is there sufficient testing capacity to conduct a thorough outbreak investigation at each of these facilities?

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- 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?

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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](mailto:Jake.Hanson@cdph.ca.gov)

I, Aimee Sisson, MD, MPH, hereby attest that I am duly authorized to sign and act on behalf of Placer County. I certify that Placer County 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 Placer County, 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 Aimee Sisson, MD, MPH

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title Health Officer and Public Health Director

Date May 11, 2020

# County of Placer

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**RE: Placer County—Support of Stage 2 (Roadmap) Variance**

Dear Dr. Angell:

The Placer County Board of Supervisors met today to discuss Placer County pursuing a variance to Stage 2 of California's Roadmap to Modify the Stay-at-Home Order. Such a variance would allow Placer County to increase the pace at which it advances through Stage 2 of the Roadmap. Upon review of the Placer County Health Officer's Variance Attestation Form, our Board strongly supports allowing Stage 2 businesses to proceed with all aspects of Stage 2 (with the exception of schools) as soon as they have finished developing and implementing their site-specific protection plans in accordance with State and County guidelines for their respective sectors.

At today's meeting, the Board listened to a presentation from Dr. Aimee Sisson, our Placer County Health Officer, fully describing the County's readiness to move fully into Stage 2 and heard public comment on her presentation. We also reviewed the letters of support written by our two local hospital systems, Sutter Health and Kaiser Permanente.

All of the evidence presented supports our determination that Placer County is prepared to safely undertake all of the businesses and activities set forth in its Stage 2 plan, and is fully prepared to address in a timely manner any increase in infection or hospitalization rates that may result. As described in the Attestation, this includes reinstating restrictions, if necessary, and recommended by our Health Officer.

In conclusion, our Board has determined that Placer County meets the minimum readiness standards and fully supports Dr. Sisson's Variance Attestation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bonnie M. Gore".

Bonnie Gore, Chair  
Placer County Supervisor, District 1

Cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors  
Todd Leopold, Placer County Executive Officer  
Karin Schwab, Placer County Counsel  
Dr. Aimee Sisson, Placer County Health Officer  
Jeff Brown, Director of Health & Human Services



Kaiser Foundation Hospital - Roseville  
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May 8, 2020

Aimee Sisson  
Placer County Public Health  
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RE: Kaiser Foundation Hospital – Roseville [License # 550001681}  
Notification of Capacity

To Whom It May Concern,

Kaiser Permanente Foundational Hospital – Roseville has been requested on behalf of Placer County to provide a letter of support regarding advancement stage two of California’s Roadmap to Modify the Stay-at-Home-Order.

The organization is in full support of the advancement to Stage 2. The organization is prepared to increased surge capacity above the defined level of 35%. Robust planning has been in place within the organization to facilitate capacity and capability, this includes consideration, planning, and training of increased volumes of staff including physicians, nursing, and ancillary support services to accommodate a surge situation. Surge locations and space allocation has been defined with staged lateral expansion inclusive of accommodating a significant influx of patients requiring intensive care. Supply planning has been executed with identification of required equipment and is prepared and secured, ready for use at each surge location. Oxygen delivery equipment has been increased with average ventilator usage at approximately 15-20% with a total supply of 93 ventilators. Personal protective equipment (PPE) supply is stable at 20 days on-hand supply with the ability to requisition additional supplies regionally within Kaiser Permanente. All members of the workforce have received training regarding precautions.

At this time, our organization has aligned capacity and capability to meet the demands of a surge event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan Herget".

Jordan Herget  
Senior Vice President/Area Manager





May 8, 2020

Aimee Sisson, MD, MPH  
Public Health Officer  
11484 B Avenue  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dr. Sisson,

In response to your request, Sutter Health's integrated health delivery system:

- Is prepared to accommodate a surge of 35% due to COVID-19 cases in addition to providing care to non COVID-19 patients as outlined in the surge plan submitted to the State of California, and
- Has adequate PPE to protect our employees and clinicians.

We understand that Placer County will use this letter to support their application for a variance to move through the stages to re-open.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen H. Lockhart".

Stephen H. Lockhart, MD, PhD  
Chief Medical Officer, Sutter Health



# Plan for moving through **STAGE 2**

On May 8, early Stage 2 retail (curbside and delivery only), manufacturing, and related logistics were allowed to resume in Placer County per the statewide stay-at-home order. Following attestation, businesses within later Stage 2 will be permitted to reopen as early as May 12 (or upon posting of this attestation on the CDPH website, whichever occurs later) if they have implemented appropriate guidance. These later Stage 2 businesses include:

- Destination retail, including shopping malls and swap meets
- Personal services, limited to: car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities, and landscape gardening
- Office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)
- Dine-in restaurants (other facility amenities, like bars or gaming areas, are not permitted)
- Childcare facilities
- Outdoor museums and open gallery spaces

Schools are not currently planned for reopening as part of later Stage 2.

Placer County staff will work through our existing community networks to share this plan with Stage 2 businesses that are reopening. Reopening of Stage 2 businesses is contingent upon their readiness to implement and comply with sector-specific guidance. No Stage 3 sectors or businesses will be allowed to reopen under this variance.

Our community partners will continue to inform the County as we develop and disseminate additional sector-specific guidance to enable safe Stage 2 reopening. Stage 2 guidance is subject to updates by Placer County, CDPH, and other local, state and federal agencies. The latest guidance will always be available at [www.placer.ca.gov/reopen](http://www.placer.ca.gov/reopen). Initial guidance is as follows:

<b>Destination retail, including shopping malls and swap meets</b>	Follow <a href="#">CDPH and Cal/OSHA guidance for retailers</a> ; prepare a plan, and post the <a href="#">checklist for retailers</a> .
<b>Personal services, limited to: car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities, and landscape gardening</b>	Follow <a href="#">interim Placer County guidance</a> ; prepare a plan, and post the interim checklist.
<b>Outdoor museums and open gallery spaces</b>	Follow <a href="#">interim Placer County guidance</a> ; prepare a plan, and post the interim checklist.
<b>Office-based businesses</b> (telework remains strongly encouraged)	Follow <a href="#">CDPH and Cal/OSHA guidance</a> for businesses operating in office workspaces; prepare a plan, and post the <a href="#">checklist for office workspaces</a> .
<b>Dine-in restaurants</b> (other facility amenities, like bars or gaming areas, are not permitted)	Follow <a href="#">interim Placer County guidance</a> ; prepare a plan, and post the interim checklist.
<b>Childcare</b>	Follow <a href="#">CDSS guidance</a> .
<b>Schools</b>	Schools are not currently planned for reopening within Stage 2.



# *Plan for moving through* **STAGE 2**

Supportive materials for businesses such as signage, posters, and a resource list to help businesses make necessary modifications and encourage safe practices are also posted at [www.placer.ca.gov/reopen](http://www.placer.ca.gov/reopen).

Placer County staff will enlist regional economic development stakeholders (cities, Economic Development Directors, and Chambers of Commerce) to educate Placer businesses regarding the importance of vigilant adherence to public health protocols to prevent falling back into closure. We have been meeting with these parties weekly since the crisis began, and they share our commitment to reopen responsibly to protect the health and well-being of Placer communities.

In addition to the sector-specific guidance outlined above, the following guidance remains in place for ALL Placer County residents throughout Stage 2:

- Anyone who is feeling ill should stay home.
- Vulnerable (high risk) individuals are encouraged to stay at home.
- Individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering when in public, if maintaining six feet of physical distance from others is not possible.
- When in public, maximize physical distance from others (at least six feet).
- Maintain good hygiene practices by washing hands, using hand sanitizer, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, and covering coughs and sneezes.
- Gathering with others who are not part of your household is not allowed.
- Non-essential travel is not allowed.

