

**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER  
OF THE COUNTY OF MARIN DIRECTING  
ALL PARKS, CAMPGROUNDS, AND OPEN SPACES TO CLOSE MOTORIZED ACCESS**

**DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 24, 2020**


**Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295, *et seq.*)**

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF MARIN (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:

1. The intent of this Order is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential activities including outdoor exercise to continue, to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. When people need to leave their places of residence, they should at all times reasonably possible attempt to remain local to their place of residence and comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in the March 16 Order of the Health Officer of the County of Marin Directing All Individuals Living in the County to Shelter at Their Place of Residence (the “March 16 Order”). All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.
2. All agencies and jurisdictions operating public outdoor recreation areas, including but not limited to parks, campgrounds, and open spaces (hereinafter, “Park Facilities”), within Marin County (the “County”) are hereby directed to cease all public operations and services related to motorized access at all Park Facilities located within the County. This applies to all Park Facilities within the County, regardless of ownership.
3. Individuals may continue to responsibly access those Park Facilities that are local to their residences and readily accessible by foot, bicycle or other non-motorized vehicle for the purpose of engaging in Essential Activities as defined in the March 16 Order, including outdoor exercise. Such access of Park Facilities shall be exclusively by non-motorized means, except that individuals who are not able to access such spaces via non-motorized means, such as persons with physical limitations or individuals who reside up particularly steep or hazardous hills, may continue to access Park Facilities by motorized means only to the minimum extent necessary to engage in Essential Activities. All visitors to any Park Facility shall continue to comply with all Social Distancing Requirements, and all individuals are expected to remain local when enjoying the outdoors to the greatest extent practicable.

4. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 within the County and throughout the Bay Area and scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically. Over this past weekend, and despite the issuance of the March 16 Order, the County's coast and parks were inundated with visitors from all around the Bay Area, overcrowding local communities' essential businesses and creating unsafe gatherings and unsafe conditions for County residents.
5. This Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the County Health Officer, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials throughout the United States and around the world, including a variety of prior orders to combat the spread and harms of COVID-19. The Health Officer will continue to assess the quickly evolving situation and may modify or extend this Order, or issue additional Orders, related to COVID-19.
6. Pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. The violation of any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.
7. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 25, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 7, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
8. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) transmitted to every agency operating a park, campground, or open space within the County, including but not limited to the National Park Service, California State Park, and Marin Municipal Water District; (2) made available at the Bulletin Board adjacent to the entrance to the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, Room 330, Administration Building, and in the display case in the center arch of the Hall of Justice, Marin County Civic Center, San Rafael, California; (3) posted on the County of Marin website ([www.marincounty.org](http://www.marincounty.org)) as well as the County of Marin Department of Health and Human Services website ([www.marinhhs.org](http://www.marinhhs.org)); and (4) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
9. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

  
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Lisa Santora, MD, MPH  
Deputy Health Officer of the County of Marin

Dated: March 24, 2020