



# County of Santa Cruz

## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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Public Health Division

## AMENDED ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ REQUIRING ISOLATION OF THOSE INFECTED WITH COVID-19

**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.*; Cal. Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1).)**

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

1. This Order supersedes the December 23, 2020 Order of the Health Officer requiring isolation of presumptively or confirmed infected with COVID-19. This Order amends the isolation measures to be consistent with current California Department of Public Health guidance.
2. COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that poses a substantial danger to the people of Santa Cruz County. This Order is issued based on scientific evidence and best practices as currently known and available to protect vulnerable members of the public from the avoidable risk of serious illness or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19.
3. A person infected with COVID-19 can easily spread the virus to others. Isolation measures help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by separating these individuals from others.
4. All individuals who are infected with COVID-19 must follow the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public](#).
5. All close contacts with the person presumptively or confirmed diagnosed with COVID-19 must self-quarantine as defined CDPH [Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public](#).
6. The Health Officer may take additional actions, which may include civil detention or requiring an individual with a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of COVID-19 to stay at a health facility or other location, to protect the public’s health if an individual who is subject to this Order fails to comply with this Order.

7. **Enforcement.** Pursuant to Government Code sections 8667, 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 and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.
8. **Copies.** Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County offices at 701 Ocean St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; (2) posted on the County Public Health Department website ([www.santacruzhealth.org](http://www.santacruzhealth.org)); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.
9. **Severability.** If any provision of this Order or its application 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:**

  
Gail Newel, MD  
Health Officer of the County of Santa Cruz

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Dated:

Approved as to Form:

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Office of the County Counsel

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