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State Modifies Stay Home Order by Allowing Religious Services and Other Businesses to Re-Open

On May 25, 2020, the California Department of Public Health issued a press release modifying the current Stay Home order issued by Governor Newsom on March 19, 2020. The press release states “statewide reopening of places of worship for religious services and in-store retail shopping” are permissible and “under new guidance, places of worship can hold religious services and funerals that limit attendance to 25% of a building’s capacity – or up to 100 attendees, whichever is lower...” The modification also addresses gatherings for political expression, which limits in-person protests attendance to 25% of an area’s maximum occupancy or up to 100 attendees. On May 26, 2020, the Governor announced the re-opening of other businesses such as hair salons and barbershops for those counties approved for variance. Plumas County is one of those counties which is approved for variance.

All religious organizations, who will be gathering for religious services and businesses that are re-opening must have a written plan to mitigate COVID-19 transmission risks. Plumas County is developing templates for places of worship and businesses that are re-opening to use, in conjunction with the COVID Operation Plan for Businesses. The addendums are to assist religious organizations and specific sectors with creating a written plan. The templates provided by the county do not have to be used as long as each religious organization and business has a written plan addressing the steps it will take to safeguard against the spread of COVID-19. Businesses and religious organizations may use the state guidance to assist with their written plan. The state guidance can be found on their website at <https://covid19.ca.gov/>. The COVID-19 Operation Plan for Businesses does not need to be submitted to the County for approval; however, the plan must be in writing and accessible to volunteers, employees and county officials if requested. The COVID-19 Operation Plan for Businesses template is located on the county website, in the COVID tab, at www.plumascounty.us. The addendum for Religious Services and other businesses approved to re-open will be on the website by tomorrow at the close of business. Since the re-opening of businesses is changing quickly it is best to go to the state’s website for up to date information <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/#top>.

Plumas County has done an amazing job of slowing the spread of COVID-19 by staying home, practicing social distancing, practicing good hygiene and using face covers while in public as ordered by Plumas County Public Health Officer. Please continue to practice these mitigating steps. COVID-19 cases continue to be identified in areas close to Plumas and we have seen an influx of visitors to Plumas County in recent weeks. Re-opening the county will be a thoughtful and ever changing process.

For additional information, please visit Plumas County website: www.plumascounty.us or call 530-283-6400 or send e-mail to COVID19@countyofplumas.com