



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

KUYLER CROCKER
District One
PETE VANDER POEL
District Two
AMY SHUKLIAN
District Three
EDDIE VALERO
District Four
DENNIS TOWNSEND
District Five

AGENDA DATE: March 17, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Andrew Lockman PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Ratify Proclamations of Emergency for COVID-19

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify a Proclamation of Local Emergency issued by the County Coordinator of Emergency Services on March 11, 2020 due to COVID-19; and
2. Ratify a Proclamation of Local Health Emergency issued by the County Health Officer on March 11, 2020 due to COVID-19.

SUMMARY:

As has been widely covered in the media, the COVID-19 outbreak originated in China beginning in December 2019. The Tulare County Department of Public Health, in cooperation with all Tulare County departments and numerous healthcare and community partners, has been actively monitoring and proactively preparing for COVID-19 since early January 2020.

Since that time, cases have been reported worldwide along with numerous deaths resulting from the disease. California has had numerous cases resulting from travel, person-to-person contact, and community spread. On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency for COVID-19 after the first COVID-19 related death in California. Since that date, confirmed cases have also occurred in neighboring Fresno and Madera Counties.

On March 11, 2020, Tulare County had its first confirmed positive COVID-19 case. As a result, the County implemented a contingency plan under which the County's Coordinator of Emergency Services proclaimed a Local Emergency, and the County

SUBJECT: Ratify Proclamations of Emergency due to COVID-19
DATE: March 17, 2020

Health Officer proclaimed a Local Health Emergency, to enable the County to take all necessary response actions to combat the effects of the disease. Pursuant to California Government Code section 8630(b), these proclamations must be ratified within seven (7) days by the Board of Supervisors in order to remain in effect.

The Governor's State of Emergency dated March 4, 2020, waives statutory requirements to renew emergency proclamations for COVID-19, so these local proclamations will remain in effect until terminated by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors.

As a matter of information, local public health emergencies due to the threat posed by COVID-19 also have been declared by the Counties of Santa Clara, San Diego, San Francisco, Orange, Solano, Alameda, Sonoma, Marin, Placer, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Butte, San Bernardino, San Benito, Yolo, Monterey, San Mateo, Yuba, Sutter, Contra Costa, Humboldt, Lake, and Sacramento, and by numerous California cities and Indian Tribes.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost associated with proclaiming or terminating a local emergency or local health emergency. The proclamation of local emergency contains a request for California Disaster Assistance Act funding, which may result in cost recovery of extraordinary response costs associated with this incident.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security initiative, with a directive to plan and provide coordinated emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation capabilities for both natural and man-made disasters. These proclamations support the County's emergency response and coordination efforts by ensuring all necessary actions can be taken to mitigate the spread of disease.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Timothy W. Lutz
Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Proclamation of Local Emergency
Proclamation of Local Health Emergency

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF RATIFY PROCLAMATIONS) Resolution No. _____
OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19) Agreement No. _____
)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

* * * * *

1. Ratified a Proclamation of Local Emergency issued by the County Coordinator of Emergency Services on March 11, 2020 due to COVID-19; and
2. Ratified a Proclamation of Local Health Emergency issued by the County Health Officer on March 11, 2020 due to COVID-19.

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630 and Tulare County Ordinance Code section 1-15-1030 authorize the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim a local emergency when the County of Tulare ("County") is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services hereby finds:

Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County due to the following:

A novel coronavirus (named "COVID-19") was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat, based on current information. In part, the virus is considered a serious public health threat because much is unknown. The exact modes of transmission, the factors facilitating human-to-human transmission, the extent of asymptomatic viral shedding, the groups most at risk of serious illness, the attack rate, and the case fatality rate all remain active areas of investigation. The CDC believes at this time that symptoms appear two to fourteen days after exposure. Currently, there is no vaccine or specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19.

The number of reported cases of COVID-19 has escalated dramatically over a short period of time. To date, worldwide there are over 125,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and over 4,600 deaths from COVID-19. Cases of COVID-19, though concentrated in China, have been reported in one hundred twenty-two countries, including the United States, and include individuals who never visited China. Transmission from an asymptomatic individual has been documented. In the U.S., there have been 939 total cases of COVID-19 confirmed to date in 41 different states, and at least 29 deaths reported.

The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak to be a global health emergency. Actions are being taken to protect public health and limit the spread of COVID-19 in the United States.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in California. There are now almost 200 confirmed cases in California spanning some 24 counties and at least four deaths have been reported in California due to COVID-19.

Local public health emergencies due to the threat posed by COVID-19 have been declared by the Counties of Santa Clara, San Diego, San Francisco, Orange, Solano, Alameda, Sonoma, Marin, Placer, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Butte, San Bernardino, San Benito, Yolo, Monterey, San Mateo, Yuba, Sutter, Contra Costa, Humboldt, Lake, and Sacramento, and by numerous California cities and Indian Tribes; and

Tulare County has a population of over 450,000 residents, many of whom travel frequently for business or personal reasons. The Health Officer of the County of Tulare has determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Tulare County, and has declared a Local Health Emergency as a result.

These conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, a Tulare County resident tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, based on the experience of other California communities, it can reasonably be expected that other positive tests will soon follow; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is not in session, and cannot immediately be called into session; and

WHEREAS, during a local emergency, the Director of Emergency Services or other individual authorized to serve in that capacity under Tulare County Ordinance Code sections 1-15-1031 and 1-15-1032 is empowered by Tulare County Ordinance Code section 1-15-1025 to issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency; provided, however, that such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest possible time by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services is unavailable to issue a proclamation as he is currently outside of Tulare County and has authorized his successor, the County's Coordinator of Emergency Services (Assistant County Administrative Officer), as designated in Tulare County Ordinance Code sections 1-15-1010 (c) and 1-15-1030 (g) to exercise the powers of Director of Emergency Services as provided for in Tulare County Ordinance Code section 1-15-1030 (h) and thereby to issue this proclamation of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Health Department must use all preventive measures, which will require access to available services, personnel, equipment, and facilities, to respond to COVID-19; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Tulare County Coordinator of Emergency Services hereby:

1. Proclaims that a local emergency, as defined in Government Code Section 8558 and Tulare County Ordinance Code Section 1-15-1005, now exists within the County due to the presence of COVID-19; and
2. Requests that the Governor of the State of California request a federal declaration to provide assistance, including, but not limited to, California Disaster Assistance Act ("CDAA"); and
3. Orders that the Tulare County Health Department must use all preventive measures, which will require access to available services, personnel, equipment, and facilities, to respond to COVID-19.

The local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

Date: March 11, 2020

Time: 10:33 PM

By:


John Hess, Assistant County Administrative Officer
and Emergency Services Coordinator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
COUNTY COUNSEL

/s/ Jennifer M. Shiffert
Deputy
Matter No. 2020217

Jlk/03-11-2020/2020217/1444043

**County of Tulare
Health & Human Services Agency
Public Health Branch**



Health Officer
5957 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277
559-624-8480

**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY
REGARDING NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code section 101080 and Tulare County Ordinance Code section 1-15-1033 authorize the local health officer to declare a local health emergency in the health officer's jurisdiction, or any part thereof, whenever the health officer reasonably determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, noncommunicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent; and

WHEREAS, the local health emergency shall not remain in effect after 7 days from the date of this declaration unless it has been ratified by the County of Tulare's Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer of the County of Tulare makes the following findings:

A novel coronavirus (named "COVID-19") was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat, based on current information. In part, the virus is considered a serious public health threat because much is unknown. The exact modes of transmission, the factors facilitating human-to-human transmission, the extent of asymptomatic viral shedding, the groups most at risk of serious illness, the attack rate, and the case fatality rate all remain active areas of investigation, but are poorly characterized at this time. The best information to date suggests that the virus is spread between people primarily via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and infected individuals have experienced a range of outcomes, from mild sickness to severe illness and death. The CDC believes at this time that symptoms appear two to fourteen days after exposure. Currently, there is no vaccine or specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19.

The number of reported cases of COVID-19 has escalated dramatically over a short period of time. To date, worldwide there are over 125,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and over 4,600 deaths from COVID-19. Cases of COVID-19, though concentrated in China, have been reported in 122 counties, including the United States. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 include individuals who never visited China. Transmission from an asymptomatic individual has been documented. The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak to be a global health emergency.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in California.

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY
REGARDING NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

There are now almost 200 confirmed cases in California spanning 24 counties, and 4 deaths have been reported in California due to COVID-19.

Local public health emergencies due to the threat posed by COVID-19 have been declared by the Counties of Santa Clara, San Diego, San Francisco, Orange, Solano, Alameda, Sonoma, Marin, Placer, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Butte, San Bernardino, San Benito, Yolo, Monterey, San Mateo, Yuba, Sutter, Contra Costa, Humboldt, Lake, and Sacramento, and by numerous California cities and Indian Tribes.

Tulare County has a population of over 450,000 residents, many of whom travel frequently for business or personal reasons. As of March 11, 2020 there are 939 total cases of COVID-19 in the United States and 29 deaths. 41 states have reported cases.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, a Tulare County resident tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, based on the experience of other California communities, it can reasonably be expected that other positive tests will soon follow; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer of the County of Tulare does hereby find that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Tulare County; and

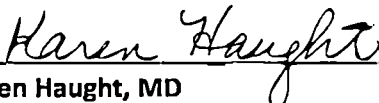
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is not in session, and cannot immediately be called into session; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Health Officer of the County of Tulare hereby proclaims and declares that a local health emergency now exists in the County of Tulare due to the presence of and threat posed by COVID-19.

Date: March 11, 2020

Time: 10:50 pm

Issued by:



Karen Haught, MD
County Health Officer
County of Tulare
Health & Human Services Agency
Public Health Branch

Approved as to Form:
COUNTY COUNSEL

By /s/Jennifer M. Shiffert
Deputy
Matter No. 2020217

Jlk/03-11-2020/2020217/1444044.DOCX