ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. 2020-06

ORDER OF THE SOLANO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER AMENDING THE APRIL 24, 2020 SHELTER AT HOME ORDER, NO. 2020-05 TO INCLUDE OUTDOOR RECREATION AS AN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITY

DATE OF ORDER: MAY 1, 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).

The purpose of this Order is to amend the April 24, 2020 Shelter at Home Order No. 2020-05 to include outdoor recreation as an essential activity. This Order is effective immediately upon its release and, unless later amended, superseded, or rescinded by further order of the Health Officer, it shall remain in effect through the expiration of the April 24, 2020 Shelter at Home Order No. 2020-05, as may be extended from time to time. Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Order modifies the April 24, 2020 Shelter at Home Order No. 2020-05, as may be extended from time to time, which remains in full force and effect.

Section 1(b) is amended to add “outdoor recreation” to the list of “Essential Activities” as follows:

xxiv. Outdoor recreation, such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, bicycling, mountain biking, golfing, and running, as authorized by the California State Public Health Officer, provided that individuals comply with Social Distancing requirements set forth in this Order and the following:

1) Participation in outdoor recreation shall be limited to non-contact sports, unless engaged in by members of the same household or living unit, in which case, contact sports are allowed.
2) Golf courses must abide by the directives included in Appendix A.
3) Sports or activities that include the use of shared equipment may only be engaged in by members of the same household or living unit.
4) All boat ramps and launches, public or private, may be opened for limited use subject to compliance by all facilities and individuals to the Social Distancing requirements and directive of the California State Public Health Officer.
5) To the extent necessary to ensure individuals are able to comply with social distancing requirements with reasonable effort, every entity that manages facilities or activities covered by this Order shall take appropriate measures to reduce crowding by, among other things, restricting the number of entrants and/or closing areas to vehicular access and parking.
6) Outdoor recreation does not include public pools used for general recreational purposes.
7) Compliance with any other directive issued by the County Health Officer.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: May 1, 2020

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Dr. Bela Matyas
Solano County Health Officer
Appendix A — Golf Site Requirements

All golf courses in the County may be opened for limited use. Golf may resume on all golf courses with groups of no more than four persons subject to full compliance with the requirements for golf courses and driving ranges:

a. The owner or manager of each golfing site shall provide security or patrolling to ensure golfers’ compliance with the all requirements of this Order.
b. A minimum 6-foot distance shall be maintained between all persons unless from the same household.
c. No shared equipment.
d. Walking or single rider carts (unless same household). If rented drive or push/pull carts are used, then they shall be cleaned and sanitized after each use by an assigned employee.
e. No tournament style events.
f. No private lessons, group instruction or clinics.
g. No privately-owned golf club cleaning by employees is allowed.
h. Check in for round must require no physical interaction with golf site staff, who must stay six feet or more from golfers.
i. All hand towels, ice chests with water, seed/sand bottles, on-course bunker rakes, ball washers, community tees, scorecards and pencils, and all on-course water stations shall be removed.
j. Cover cups, or create a barrier, including lifting the cup 1" above the putting surface to ensure that the ball cannot be holed.
k. Flag sticks must be removed.
l. Driving Range Restrictions:
   1. Hitting stations will be a minimum of six feet apart.
   2. Balls will be thoroughly cleaned with soap, bleach or disinfectant after each pick of the range and before they are placed back on the range.
   3. All range staff attendants must wear gloves and are strongly urged to wear cloth face coverings.
   4. Golf clubs, range buckets, and any other shared equipment must be cleaned and sanitized after each golfer use.
m. Post, in areas visible to all workers, required hygienic practices including not touching face with unwashed hands or with gloves; washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machines, shared tools, and doorknobs; covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing as well as other hygienic recommendations by the CDC.
n. A sign is placed at each entrance to the pro shop, locker room, dining area, and other relevant buildings to inform all employees and golfers that they should:
   1. Avoid entering the facility if they feel sick, or have a cough or fever
   2. Maintain a minimum six-foot distance from anyone who is not a household member;
   3. Sneeze and cough into a cloth or tissue or, if not available, into one’s elbow
   4. Not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact; and
   5. Wearing a face covering is strongly recommended.
o. Dining areas may only remain open for grab-and-go food service or delivery.
p. Golfers must leave the property immediately after playing to eliminate congestion.
q. The number of customers in the pro shop at any one time shall be limited and monitored so that customers and employees may easily maintain at least six-foot distance from one another at all practicable times.
r. The number of golfers in the locker room at any one time shall be limited and monitored to allow for users to easily maintain at least six-foot distance from one another at all practicable times.
s. Golf courses and driving ranges shall designate a site-specific COVID-19 supervisor to enforce these requirements. The designated COVID-19 supervisor shall be present on site at all times during golfing activities. The COVID19 supervisor can be an on-site worker who is designated to carry this role.