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**San Joaquin County New Public Health Order Updates Requirements for Faith-Based Gatherings, Golf Courses and Landscaping/Gardening Services**

STOCKTON – Today, the San Joaquin County Public Health Officer, Maggie Park, M.D., and Marcia Cunningham, Director of Emergency Services, issued an amendment to the Order of April 14, 2020. The amendment addresses four areas:

- Permits faith-based organizations to hold services in a “drive-in” like manner if certain rules are followed. Services must occur outside. Only people from the same household can attend per car. Individuals must stay inside their cars during the entire service. All social distancing protocols are still required.
- Establishes a set of over 50 rules for local golf courses to resume limited operations, including the following: All clubhouse and indoor facilities, locker rooms, public seating and practice putting greens will remain closed; Water dispensers, bunker rakes and ball washers will be removed; Tee time intervals will be extended with players waiting in cars until tee time; Increased golf course sanitation measures; Social distancing protocols for players and staff is required to the best extent possible.
- Allows serious potential buyers (i.e. buyers who have provided verification of funds or lender prequalification letters) to view a house in-person before the current resident has moved out. In-person showings must be by appointment with no more than two visitors at a time from the same household and one individual showing the unit. All social distancing protocols are still required.
- Provides guidance to arborists, landscapers, and gardeners on physical distancing protocols that must be implemented. Social distancing practices are maintained while providing any service and during payment. Any shared equipment is cleaned between users. Crewmembers who are not members of the same household must not travel in the same vehicle.

“The County continues to work extensively with our public and private partners to maintain strict guidelines while exploring ways to gradually open the County back up for business,” stated Dr. Park. “We will closely monitor public response allowed in this updated Order to see if other areas of the County can be opened up. I’ve requested that the Sheriff and all chiefs of police in the County ensure compliance and enforcement of this Order. It should be noted that any violation of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health. While enforcement through education is preferable, other means of enforcement may be employed, as deemed appropriate by law enforcement agencies.”

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