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## Public Service Announcement

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TRINITY COUNTY – With the fourth of July approaching it is vital that the public be aware of safe versus unsafe practices and that organizers, businesses, and employers are aware of the guidance, restrictions, and consequences around events and activities that are planned.

In collaboration with Trinity County Sheriff's office, the County Administrative Officer (CAO), Environmental Health (EH), County Counsel, Office of Emergency Services (OES), the Chamber of Commerce, and Trinity County Health Officer, the Public Health Branch (PHB) is providing information on safe practices, safe sectors as well as those high risk practices and sectors operating during the July Fourth Holiday. This information is designed to support informed decisions by the public, event organizers, volunteers, and business owners regarding Holiday events and activities.

### **Fireworks and Social Gatherings/Events:**

- Fireworks displays are allowed but gatherings at the fireworks displays are not.
- Outdoor picnics and barbeques with only household members who reside together are allowed, ideally keeping picnics and barbeques at home or close to home; large outdoor picnics that draw crowds are not allowed.
- Always follow guidance and maintain physical distancing of 6 feet with non-household members and wear cloth face coverings when outdoors and social distancing is unlikely to be maintained.
- Live bands during an event that draw an audience are high-risk and are not allowed.
- Bars and Alcohol Consumption during gatherings and events:
  - Bars, Saloons, and any venue where people gather and consume alcohol is considered a very high risk sector for the spread of COVID-19.
  - Alcohol consumption slows brain activity, reduces inhibition, and impairs judgment, factors which contribute to reduced compliance with recommended



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- core personal protective measures such as the mandatory use of face coverings and maintaining six feet of distance from people outside of one's own household.
  - Loud environments with significant background noise of conversation that are typical in bar settings and outdoor settings with live music require raised voices and create greater projection of oral emitted viral droplets that can increase the spread of the virus to others.
  - In their totality, these factors present a higher likelihood of transmission of the coronavirus within groups, between groups, and among the workforce and are incredibly high risk for spread of COVID-19.
  - Be aware, wear a face covering, stay 6 feet from other people, stay sober.
- Museums and Galleries:
    - Adjust maximum occupancy rules to limit the number of people at museums and Galleries as appropriate to support physical distancing.
    - Limit customer groups entering the facility to a household unit. People from the same household do not need to physically distance from one another.
    - Museums and Galleries must take reasonable measures as provided in [CDPH Guidance](#) including:
      - Posting signage at entrances and in strategic and highly-visible locations to remind the public that they should use face coverings, practice physical distancing, and to frequently wash their hands with soap for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer.
      - Face coverings should be provided to guests (over 2 years of age) who arrive without them.
      - Face coverings must be worn by employees/volunteers.
  - [Retail](#):
    - Implement measures to ensure physical distancing of at least six feet between workers and customers.
    - Employers must provide employees with face coverings or encourage employees to use their own face coverings whenever they are in workplaces with other persons including customers.
    - Enforce physical distancing by limiting the number of customers in retail space.
    - Require customers to wear face coverings, this is mandatory in the state of California.

Cal/OSHA regulates the required protection for workers covered by the Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD) Standard to protect employees from airborne infectious diseases such as COVID-19. Although the scope of the ATD Standard is limited to certain employers, there are other Cal/OSHA regulations that apply to [all employers](#). COVID-19 precautions that may be required by these standards are applicable to most workplaces in California, particularly those with significant public interaction such as retail establishments and service industries since COVID-19 has the potential of widespread community infection.



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California Employers are required to determine if COVID-19 infection is a hazard in their workplace. If it is a workplace hazard, then employers must implement infection control measures, including applicable and relevant recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Guidance](#).

As a reminder, all business plans and event plans must be approved by Trinity County EH in consultation with the County Health Officer and the PHB to ensure compliance with county and state regulations. Any event that puts the public and sector employees/volunteers at risk for COVID-19 that has not been approved such as large gatherings with live music and congregate barbecues may result in liability issues but more importantly jeopardize our progress in reopening our economy if cases of COVID-19 begin to increase as a result of these activities.

As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to go up in surrounding counties and throughout the state we ask that our residents and opened sectors/employers adhere to the mandates and practices that will prevent COVID-19 from taking hold in our community and impacting the health of our residents.

We are strong. We are resilient. And we will get through this, together.