AMENDED ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

CLOSING ALL SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES

FROM MARCH 16, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020

DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 17, 2020

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295; County Ordinances 533 and 556.)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, TITLE 17 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY CODE SECTION 533.6, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ("HEALTH OFFICER") ORDERS:

1. All schools within the jurisdiction of the Public Health Officer of the County of Riverside including, but not limited to, all preschools, K-12 public, private and charter schools, community colleges, public, private, nonprofit, and for-profit colleges and universities are **closed** beginning March 16, 2020 and shall remain closed through April 30, 2020 inclusive, pending further order of the Public Health Officer. This order supersedes the prior order of March 13, 2020.

2. Individual school districts and educational institutions shall have the discretion to determine the minimum essential personnel as required to support critical functions within those districts and institutions such as federal food service programs, security, and necessary maintenance.

3. This Order does not apply to general food, daycare and childcare services. However, these settings are instructed to observe all applicable state and federal guidelines for infection control.

4. Daycare and childcare facilities shall operate under the following mandatory conditions: A. Childcare must be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer ("stable" means that the same 12 or fewer children are in the same group each day). B. Children shall not change from one group to another. C. If more than one group of children is cared for at one facility, each group shall be in a separate room. Groups shall not mix with each other. D. Childcare providers shall remain solely with one group of children.

5. This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 disease, also known as "novel coronavirus," which has infected at least 128,000 individuals worldwide in 116 countries and is implicated in over 4,700 worldwide deaths, including eight cases in Riverside County residents.

6. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 both within the County of Riverside and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.

7. This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide.

8. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the: March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 8, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel COVID-19 in Riverside County; the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside proclaiming the existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Riverside regarding COVID-19; the March 10, 2020 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ratifying and extending the Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to COVID-19; the March 12, 2020 Order of the Public Health Officer Cancelling All Events With Attendance Above 250 Individuals; and the guidance issued on March 11, 2020 by the California Department of Public Health regarding large gatherings of 250 people or more; the March 13, 2020 Order of the Public Health Officer Cancelling All Gatherings of More Than 10 Persons; and all subsequent federal, state, and local orders and guidance from the CDPH and CDC.

9. This Order comes after the release of the March 16, 2020 Order of the County Public Health Officer, substantial guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State Department of Public Health, and other public health officials through the United States and around the world recommending the cancellation of mass gatherings involving more than ten (10) or more persons in a single space at the same time.

10. This Order comes after the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic.

11. This Order comes after the President of the United States declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020.

12. This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code sections 101030, et seq.; Health and Safety Code sections 120100, et seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations section 2501.

13. To the extent necessary, pursuant to Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and all Chiefs of Police in the County ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order.

14. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of Riverside Health Administration office located at 4065 County Circle Drive, Riverside, CA 92503; (2) posted on the County of Riverside Public Health Department's website (rivcoph.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated: March 17, 2020

Dr. Cameron Kaiser, MD, MPH, FAAFP
Public Health Officer
County of Riverside

Approved as to form and legality:

Dated: March 17, 2020

Gregory P. Priamos
County Counsel
County of Riverside