

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.40
(ID # 12515)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 05, 2020

FROM : SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ AND SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL :

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ AND SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL:
Rescission of Local Public Health Orders

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

Direct the Director of Emergency Services and Public Health Officer to Rescind the Following Public Health Orders:

- a) April 1, 2020, Amended Order of the Health Officer Closing All Schools, Community Colleges, Colleges, and Universities from March 16, 2020 through June 19, 2020; and,
- b) April 2, 2020, Amended Order of the Health Officer Related to Short Term Lodging Facilities through June 19, 2020; and,
- c) April 29, 2020, Amended Order of the Health Officer for the County of Riverside and the Director of Emergency Services Placing Restrictions on Golf Course Use; and,
- d) April 29, 2020, Amended Order of the Health Officer for the County of Riverside and the Director of Emergency Services requiring the use of face coverings and practice of social distancing.

ACTION:


Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Vice-Chairwoman 4/30/2020 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Chairman 4/30/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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BACKGROUND:

In recognition of the need to transition to economic recovery, we continue to position the county to reopen businesses. Keep in mind, rescinding these orders does not negate the Governor's orders, as those are still in place. Any changes to the Governor's order will be provided from the state. The virus is still present within our county, California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and county public health officials still recommend the use of face coverings, social distancing and frequent hand washing to reduce the likelihood of contracting the disease.

Through prior action, this Board created the Economic Recovery Task Force with leaders in the business community to work towards economic recovery. With 30 million national unemployment claims filed as of this writing, it is imperative that our residents get back to work. While we continue to work with our state partners to meet the Governor's six-point framework for reopening (including expanded testing, meeting the needs of our congregate care providers, and increasing our hospitals' capacity), we are rescinding the local public health orders.

With the assistance of our residents, Riverside County successfully prevented a surge of coronavirus patients within our countywide hospital system. With 50,000 tests conducted and counting, Riverside County leads the state in testing by having tested 1.9 percent of our population for the virus. The local Public Health Officer orders significantly slowed the spread of the disease within our county. This is evidenced by current hospital capacity and the lengthening of our doubling rate of the disease to more than 14 days. Other successful metrics include our current hospital bed census ranges between 60 and 65 percent of capacity and available ventilator capacity is approximately 70 percent. We thank our county team for their diligence, dedication, and response to this unprecedented pandemic.

We want people to be healthy, safe and have an income to support their families. Today's action creates the pathway for our residents and businesses to meet these needs.