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Calaveras County Health Officer Revises Local Order and Emergency Regulations Related to COVID-19

On Tuesday, April 28, 2020, the Calaveras County Health Officer revised the Local Public Health Order and Emergency Regulations to clarify access to outdoor physical activities. This latest Order modifies the one released on March 27, 2020. Outdoor physical activities are now permitted to the extent allowed by the Governor of California and the California Department of Public Health. Requirements will be in place to ensure that the health and well-being of people in Calaveras are protected. All other Calaveras County Health Officer Orders related to COVID-19 will continue to remain in place. This Order is in place until further notice.

Outdoor exercise and recreational activities are allowed under certain conditions. At this time, activities are restricted to Calaveras County residents only. Activities include:

- Walking, hiking, and bicycling on roads, trails, parks
- Recreational riding of personal motorized off-road vehicles such as ATVs or dirt bikes)
- Hunting and fishing
- Recreational use of non-commercial, privately owned watercraft (motorized or non-motorized)
- Equestrian activities
- Golf
- Disc golf, using portable baskets

Groups of no more than four individuals who do not share the same household must maintain six feet of distance at all times. This Order does not prevent individuals or members of the same household from engaging in outdoor activities. Some outdoor venues may continue to remain closed to the public.

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Residents may use outdoor parks and green spaces, but children's playground equipment and play structures will remain off-limits.

Vehicle parking in parking lots designated for outdoor activity venues, such as boat docks, golf courses and trail heads, will be allowed, with the expectation that users will not congregate and maintain social distance of at least 6 feet while accessing their vehicles.

"Everyone must help to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by practicing physical distancing and taking common sense precautions," said Dr. Dean Kelaita, Calaveras County Health Officer. "The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus." Calaveras Public Health advises the public to:

- Wash your hands often
- Avoid close contact
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when around others
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect

"According to the California Governor on Monday April 27th, the state is just weeks away, not months, from meaningful modifications to the statewide closure Order. As the statewide stay-at-home is amended and relaxed, I am committed to following right along, assuming the facts regarding COVID-19 disease activity in Calaveras allows it", reiterated Dr. Kelaita. "Through the community mitigation efforts and sacrifices of all our residents over the past 6 weeks, we have successfully flattened the curved, protected our senior residents in our nursing home and assisted living facilities, and saved lives. But the coronavirus is not through with us yet. I want to see our economy opened up, I agree it should be reopened, but it should be opened deliberately, bit-by-bit, and informed by science. The last thing any of us wants to see is a resurgence of disease activity and an undoing of everything we have built to protect the health of our community".

To view the modified Calaveras County Health Officer Order visit <https://covid19.calaverasgov.us/>. Call the Community Service Call Center at (209) 754-2896 if you have questions about the COVID-19 pandemic.