

DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY IN THE COUNTY OF MARIN

Whereas, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 101080, the Health Officer for the County of Marin is authorized to proclaim the existence of a local health emergency when this County or any area of the county is affected or likely to be affected by a qualifying public health threat while the Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days, and subject to reaffirmation at least every 30 days thereafter until such local health emergency is terminated; and

Whereas, the Health Officer for the County of Marin hereby finds that:

- a) A novel coronavirus (COVID-19), an infectious disease that causes respiratory illness, was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019; and,
- b) On January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern” (PHEIC); and, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency (PHE) for the United States; and,
- c) Since February 2, travelers to the United States who have been in China in the preceding 14 days have been limited to U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents; and,
- d) There is a widespread, ongoing global outbreak of respiratory illness (COVID-19) that can be spread from person to person; and,
- e) On February 26, 2020, community transmission was confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the Bay Area;
- f) There is an imminent and proximate threat of medical surge; and,
- g) There is no regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin on the week of March 2, 2020; and
- h) These threats to public health necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local health emergency.

Now, therefore, it is proclaimed that a local health emergency now exists in all areas of the County of Marin; and,

It is further proclaimed and ordered that during the existence of the local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Health Officer for the County of Marin shall be those prescribed by State law, including but not limited to the provisions of Sections 101040 and 101085 of the Health and Safety Code, and by all ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Marin in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency.

This order may be signed in counterparts.

Signed and Subscribed at 8:30 AM this 3rd day of March 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Matt Willis', written over a horizontal line.

Signed by Matt Willis, MD, MPH
Marin County Health Officer