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**California Department of Public Health Orders
Closure of Indoor Restaurant Operations and All Bars/Pubs in Colusa County**

Rise in Local Positive COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Cases Trigger State Intervention

(COLUSA, CA) July 9, 2020 – Effective today, following a dramatic increase in local positive COVID-19 (Coronavirus) cases, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has ordered the closure of various business operations in Colusa County, including in-restaurant dining, and all bars/pubs. There is no verified link between restaurant, bars/pubs, or any other business operations and the increase in cases. Despite that fact, the implementation and execution of local public health protocols, as well as numerous discussions between Colusa County Public Health and CDPH concerning the lack of nexus between positive cases and impacted business sectors, the State has unilaterally moved forward with issuing the Order mandating the closures. The State will be enforcing the Order locally, and State strike teams are expected to be in Colusa County beginning today. The CDPH will re-evaluate overall statewide data in three weeks, and make a determination on the Order at that time.

Colusa County joins a number of other counties required to close indoor operations (while allowing outdoor operations with modifications, including physical distancing and face coverings) for the following sectors:

- Dine-in restaurants;
- Wineries and tasting rooms;
- Movie theaters;
- Family Entertainment Centers;
- Zoos and museums; and,
- Cardrooms.

Additionally, *all* brewpubs, breweries, bars, and pubs must cease both indoor and outdoor operations under the State's order.

“We currently have a total of 98 individuals that have tested positive for COVID-19, including 46 active cases currently in isolation, and 52 released from isolation as recovered. While we remain at zero deaths, we currently have 5 COVID-19 hospitalizations, and more than 175 individuals quarantined as a result of contact tracing,” said Elizabeth Kelly, Colusa County Director of Health and Human Services and Public Health. “We have experienced a significant increase in positive cases over the past couple of weeks, as well as a dramatic increase in the number of individuals quarantined. Due to recent family and social gatherings we expect both trends to remain as contact tracing continues.”

The County encourages impacted business owners as well as citizens to use their best judgment and follow State Guidelines in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

Information and resources related to COVID-19 in Colusa County can be accessed here: <https://www.countyofcolusa.org/771/COVID19>. Information and resources from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) can be accessed here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>.