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EL DORADO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER COMMENTS ON NEW COVID-19 GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE JUNE 12, 2020

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(PLACERVILLE, CA) – *The following statement can be attributed to El Dorado County Public Health Officer, Dr. Nancy Williams. See the California Department of Public Health press release which contains the new guidelines [here](#).*

“The State issued guidelines this afternoon for 12 business sectors to open, effective Friday, June 12th, for Counties that have approved attestations. Since El Dorado County was one of the first two in the State to receive that approval, these guidelines apply to businesses in these areas.

“It’s important to note two things about these guidelines: first, they are effective a week from today, which allows businesses to develop and implement thoughtful safety plans which reflect the State guidelines; second, it’s imperative that businesses carefully read the guidelines as they contain specific caveats to opening, such as playgrounds and meeting rooms remaining closed at campgrounds and outdoor recreation areas.

“Once the businesses have developed and implemented their safety plans, they may open on or after June 12th without further approval from me or the El Dorado County Health department.

“I am pleased that the businesses in these sectors which have been closed since March can reopen and people can begin to rebuild their livelihoods, yet I would be remiss if I didn’t caution owners, employees, patrons and residents in general that now is the time to be even more disciplined about maintaining physical distancing and personal hygiene practices.

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“The fact is, the more we move about as a population, the greater the possibility of the COVID-19 virus being transmitted and the best ways to mitigate the public health impacts of our increased activity is to keep staying home when you’re sick, stay away from sick people when possible, maintain at least a six-foot distance between yourself and others outside your household, wash your hands frequently, and sanitize commonly-used areas.

“Now more than ever, personal responsibility will determine whether El Dorado County moves forward or backward as we navigate the opening of more and more portions of our society and daily lives. I’m confident that our residents will continue to do what they can to keep our businesses open and our communities healthy.”

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