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### **Governor, County Health Department Issue Information Regarding Businesses Covered by Mandatory Health Orders**

On March 19, 2020, in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Health Officer of the County of Sacramento issued a Public Health Order directing all individuals living in the county to stay at home or at their place of residence, while ordering all businesses and government agencies to cease non-essential operations at physical locations in the county. In conjunction with the order, Sacramento County Department of Health Services issued a Frequently Asked Questions document which detailed, among other things, the kinds of businesses considered to be “essential” under the Public Health Order.

On the same day, Governor Newsom issued a similar order directing all **individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence**, except as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal critical infrastructure sectors. In accordance with this order, the State Public Health Officer issued a directive detailing the list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” to help state, local and industry partners as they work to protect communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security.

While there is some variation between the state and county directives as to the types of businesses and workers that are considered to be “essential”, the California Department of Public Health has advised that local officials may enforce the stricter Public Health Order, but may not loosen the state’s order.

The City of Galt has a responsibility to ensure the health and welfare of its citizens and will be enforcing the Public Health Orders issued at the state and county levels. However, we are very concerned about the impact that these public health initiatives are having on our local businesses and our staff will make every effort to assist the business community during these unprecedented times. Our Economic Development staff, along with the Galt District Chamber of Commerce, has assembled a comprehensive list of resources that are currently available to small businesses. The information can be found at <http://www.ci.galt.ca.us/residents/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information/-fsiteid-1>. This is a fluid situation and new resources are being explored at the state and federal level on an ongoing basis. We will continue to update our businesses and deploy these resources as they are unveiled.

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We encourage business owners to review both the state and county public health orders to determine if their business is deemed “essential.” If there are questions, or clarification needed as it relates to certain businesses, we ask that business owners please reach out for further direction. The City’s Economic Development and Planning Department staff are available to answer questions and provide resources that may be available to assist local businesses and their employees.

Helpful information can be found at the following state and federal links:

<https://www.saccounty.net/COVID-19/Pages/PublicHealthOrderFAQs.aspx>

<https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>

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