

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 101080 authorizes a local health officer to declare a local health emergency in the health officer's jurisdiction, or any part thereof, whenever the health officer reasonably determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, non-communicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced on February 25, 2020 that community spread of COVID-19 is likely to occur in the United States;

WHEREAS, based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statements, there is an ongoing risk and likelihood of COVID-19 positive patients being identified in Orange County;

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of COVID-19 in the County of Orange and a threat to the public health of the County residents;

THEREFORE, the County Health Officer hereby declares a health emergency.



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Health Officer

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Date