



# MADERA COUNTY PUBLIC INFORMATION TEAM

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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### TITLE: Madera County Declares Local Health Emergency

At this time, the risk of illness has not changed. However, school closures have a cascading effect on other government services. This declaration provides flexibility to County leadership in managing our workforce and other resources as we respond to COVID-19 and maintain other essential government services. The declaration of emergency helps the County access resources, reassign staff to new roles, and implement plans that make it easier to serve the community.

“We encourage physical distancing to reduce the risk of illness. It is also important to stay connected to family, friends, and colleagues through phone calls, texts, online portals and email as well as help each other manage challenges and anxiety in healthy ways,” said Public Health Officer Dr. Simon Paul.

Due to obligations of the Public Health Director and Officer during the day, please plan to conduct interviews during the media availability.

### Media Availability

- WHERE** Madera County Department of Public Health, 1604 Sunrise Avenue, Madera, CA 93638
- WHEN** Monday, March 16, 2020
- TIME** Media check-in 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM in the WIC Lobby  
One-on-one interviews 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM in the Oz Conference Room
- WHO** Dr. Simon Paul, Public Health Officer  
Sara Bosse, Public Health Director  
Jay Varney, Sheriff

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