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Isolation guideline updates follow end of COVID-19 State of Emergency

Napa, CA (March 14, 2023) – At today’s Board meeting, the Napa County Board of Supervisors voted to end the local COVID-19 State of Emergency. The local declaration helped in the county’s response to the coronavirus pandemic, including mobilizing county resources, accelerating emergency planning and response, and allowing for future COVID-19 response reimbursement by state and federal governments. The Board’s vote follows California’s COVID-19 State of Emergency ending on February 28 and ahead of the federal COVID-19 State of Emergency set to expire on May 11.

Updates to the COVID-19 isolation guidelines for the general public
The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released new recommendations for isolation of individuals infected with COVID-19 that went into effect on March 13. Aligning with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention’s (CDC) previous recommendations, a person who tests positive for COVID-19 will no longer need a negative COVID-19 test to end their 10-day isolation early. Instead, a person who tests positive for COVID-19 may now end isolation after five days and return to work or school if their symptoms have improved or gone away and if they have not had a fever within 24 hours, without taking fever-reducing medication. The person must continue to wear a well-fitting mask when around others for the rest of their original 10-day isolation period. These guidelines do not currently apply to the following healthcare settings: General Acute Care Hospitals, Acute Psychiatric Hospitals, and Skilled Nursing Facilities. Updated guidance for healthcare settings can be found in the Napa County Health Advisory released March 10, which is available on the Napa County’s COVID-19 Website.

Cal/OSHA Regulations
Workplaces must follow regulations set by Cal/OSHA. Cal/OSHA regulations are now aligned with CDPH recommendations. Please refer to updates from Cal/OSHA and other regulatory agencies.

For a more in-depth review of changes, please refer to Napa County Health and Human Services Agency- Public Health’s health advisory by clicking here.

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