



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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REQUEST FOR TRIBAL CONSULTATION

To: California Tribal Governments

Re: **Modifying the COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Order and Related Interventions**

Deadline: May 1, 2020

Contact: christina.snider@gov.ca.gov

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to help the State of California prepare for the spread of COVID-19 in response to the rising number of positive cases in California.

On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued an [executive order](#) directing Californians to stay at home (Stay-at-Home Order), which remains in place until further notice. The order applies across the state, exempting activity as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal [critical infrastructure sectors](#), critical government services, schools, childcare, and construction, including housing construction.

On April 14, 2020, Governor Newsom outlined [six critical indicators](#) California will consider before modifying the Stay-at-Home Order and other COVID-19 interventions. Those factors are as follows:

- The ability to monitor and protect our communities through testing, contact tracing, isolating, and supporting those who are positive or exposed;
- The ability to prevent infection in people who are at risk for more severe COVID-19;
- The ability of the hospital and health systems to handle surges;
- The ability to develop therapeutics to meet the demand;
- The ability for businesses, schools, and child care facilities to support physical distancing; and
- The ability to determine when to reinstitute certain measures, such as the stay-at-home orders, if necessary.

The State of California seeks input from California tribal governments to inform the policies and practices the State is developing to consider any future modification of the Stay-at-Home Order and related COVID-19 interventions.

The Newsom Administration is committed to working with tribes as sovereign partners in order to ensure the collective safety of California communities, tribal citizens and working populations; thus, tribal input is critical to ensure that the State meaningfully considers the unique circumstances of each California tribal government in taking measures to modify the State's Stay-at-Home Order.

To assist you in developing recommendations responsive to this request for consultation, below is a (non-exclusive) list of questions:

- How prepared is your Tribe or the healthcare provider your tribal community primarily uses to test everyone who is symptomatic?
- Does your Tribe or the healthcare provider your tribal community primarily uses have the ability to identify contacts of those who have tested positive for COVID-19 to reduce further transmission?
- Do older tribal community members and the medically vulnerable living in their own homes have the necessary support to continue appropriate physical distancing?
- Has your Tribe developed a plan to quickly identify and contain outbreaks in facilities housing older tribal community members, those living with disabilities, those currently incarcerated, and those with co-morbidities?
- Does the healthcare provider your tribal community primarily uses have adequate bed capacity, staff and supplies such as ventilators and masks?
- Can the healthcare system your tribal community primarily uses adequately address COVID19 and other critical healthcare needs?
- Can the businesses within your jurisdiction support physical distancing practices and has your Tribe established guidelines to provide health checks when employees or the general public enter tribal facilities?
- Does your Tribe have the supplies and equipment necessary to keep the workforce and patrons safe?
- In the event that measures need to be reinstated, does your Tribe have the ability to quickly communicate and respond to reinstated measures?
- Is there anything the State can do to support any identified areas of need in responding to COVID-19 and its impacts in your community?

Consultation submissions should be made via email to christina.snider@gov.ca.gov with the subject line "**COVID-19: [Tribe Name] Tribal Consultation Response.**" Given the Stay-at-Home Order in effect, email submission is preferred for written comments, but you may also submit consultation responses via mail to:

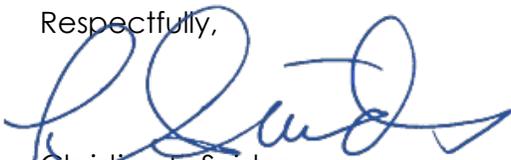
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The Governor's Office of the Tribal Advisor is facilitating web-based or conference call tribal consultation should your Tribe seek to engage in direct consultation with the State in addition to submitting written comments. In-person consultation is not possible at this time given the Stay-at-Home Order. If your Tribe would like to engage in this type of consultation, please contact me at christina.snider@gov.ca.gov to set up a web-based or conference call consultation.

This communication is considered part of formal government-to-government tribal consultation; therefore, this notice is specifically intended for tribal governments and their properly authorized designees.

Thank you for your patience during this time and please do not hesitate to contact me with any follow up questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christina Snider', written in a cursive style.

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