

**FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION THAT AN ITEM MAY BE SUBSEQUENTLY
ADDED TO THE AGENDA OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



DATE: March 10, 2020

The BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of Riverside County hereby finds:

- That there is a need to place an item on the agenda for action by the Board of Supervisors.
- X An emergency exists as defined in Government Code Section 54956.5 in that:
- (a) Work stoppage or other activity which severely impairs public health, safety, or both, as determined by a majority of the members of the legislative body.
 - X (b) Crippling disaster which severely impairs public health, safety or both as determined by a majority of the members of the legislative body.
- The item on which the action is to be taken came to the attention of the County subsequent to the agenda being posted and there is need to take immediate action on the item.
- The item was continued for no more than five calendar days from a prior meeting for which the item was posted.

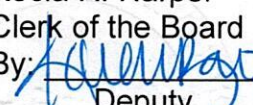
JUSTIFICATION:

The item came to the attention of the County subsequent to the agenda being posted and requires Board action by March 10, 2020. The item is brought by the Director of Emergency Services and the Director of the Emergency Management Department in furtherance of the Public Health Officer's Declaration of a Local Health Emergency on March 8, 2020 regarding the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Riverside County. It is necessary that the Board of Supervisors adopt resolutions ratifying and extending the local public health emergency and proclaiming the existence of a local emergency.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Hewitt, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: March 10, 2020
xc:

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.55
(ID # 12135)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, March 10, 2020

FROM : RUHS-PUBLIC HEALTH:

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM - PUBLIC HEALTH: Ratify and Extend Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to COVID-19. Districts: All [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-063 ratifying and extending the declaration of Local Health Emergency in County of Riverside regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

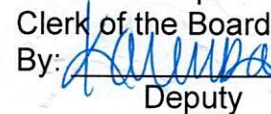
ACTION:


Kim Saruwatari, Director of Public Health 3/9/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: March 10, 2020
xc: RUHS-Public Health

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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 19/20	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency on March 4 due to the introduction of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the state of California. On March 8, 2020, the County's Public Health Officer declared a local health emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Riverside County. The Board of Supervisors must ratify and extend the declaration within seven (7) days. The declaration of a local emergency begins the process to receive resources from State and Federal agencies to assist with the local health emergency due to spread of COVID-19.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Residents and businesses will benefit from the preparation and mitigation efforts and the additional available resources to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 2020-063: Ratifying and Extending the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency

Declaration of a Local Health Emergency for the County of Riverside, State of California Regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-063

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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
5 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE RATIFYING AND EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF
6 A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
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8 WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code section 101080 authorizes a local health officer to
9 declare a local health emergency in the health officer’s jurisdiction, or any part thereof, whenever the
10 health officer reasonably determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of
11 any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease; and

12 WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the County’s Public Health Officer declared a local health
13 emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of a novel
14 coronavirus (COVID-19) in Riverside County; and

15 WHEREAS, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020
16 pursuant to the authority vested in him, particularly, Government Code section 8625; and

17 WHEREAS, the Governor has waived the 30-day time period in Health and Safety Code section
18 101080, within which a local governing authority must renew a local health emergency, for the duration
19 of the statewide emergency, and further, has ordered that any such local health emergency will remain in
20 effect until each local governing authority terminates its respective local health emergency; and

21 WHEREAS, the local health emergency shall not remain in effect after seven (7) days from the
22 date of this declaration unless it has been ratified by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors; and

23 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Declaration of a
24 Local Health Emergency by the Public Health Officer of the County of Riverside is hereby ratified, and
25 that said Local Health Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed
26 by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside.

27 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be
28 forwarded to the Director of the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services.

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: GREGORY P. PRJAMOS
DATE: 3/9/20

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2 **RESOLUTION 2020-063**

3 **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE**
4 **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE RATIFYING AND EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF**
5 **A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

6 ADOPTED by Riverside County Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020.

7 ROLL CALL:

8 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
9 Nays: None
10 Absent: None

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13 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of
Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

14 KECIA R. HARPER, Clerk of said Board

15 By:  _____

16 Deputy

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DECLARATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY
FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGARDING NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, California 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; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 pursuant to the authority vested in him, particularly, Government Code section 8625; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has waived the 30-day time period in Health and Safety Code section 101080, within which a local governing authority must renew a local health emergency, for the duration of the statewide emergency, and further, has ordered that any such local health emergency will remain in effect until each local governing authority terminates its respective local health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the local health emergency shall not remain in effect after seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless it has been ratified by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Officer of the County of Riverside makes the following findings: that COVID-19, otherwise known as the "novel coronavirus," is a highly contagious respiratory illness that has been implicated in at least 22 American deaths and 4,000 deaths worldwide to date; that the first locally acquired case of COVID-19, otherwise known as the "novel coronavirus," has been detected in a county resident in the Coachella Valley; that this case has no known explanation and therefore must represent sufficient community presence and spread in the Coachella Valley to have infected this individual; that there are additional travel-associated cases now being identified; and that the improved availability of testing for COVID-19 makes the discovery of additional community cases inevitable; and

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: GREGORY P. PRAMOS
DATE: 3/9/20

1 WHEREAS, the Public Health Officer of the County of Riverside does hereby find and
2 determine that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of
3 COVID-19 in Riverside County; and

4 NOW, THEREFORE, the Public Health Officer of the County of Riverside hereby
5 declares that a local health emergency now exists in the County of Riverside and shall be deemed to
6 continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and hereafter by ratification of the County Board of
7 Supervisors, until its termination is proclaimed by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of
8 Riverside.

9 Dated: 3/8/2020



Cameron Kaiser, MD, MPH, FAAFP
Public Health Officer
County of Riverside

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