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HEALTH OFFICER AMENDS ORDER CLARIFYING GOVERNOR'S "STAY-AT-HOME" ORDER AS RELATED TO LODGING FACILITIES IN MONO COUNTY

April 3, 2020 - Mono County Public Health Officer, Dr. Tom Boo, amends the "Stay-at-Home" Order related to lodging facilities previously issued on March 21, 2020. The amended Order supersedes the prior Order, is effective immediately and will remain in effect until May 31, 2020. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

This Order was issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 disease, also known as "novel coronavirus," which has infected at least 965,246 individuals worldwide in 180 countries and is implicated in over 49,236 worldwide deaths. Mono County has had 18 people infected and one death to date, which represents the highest per capita rate of COVID-19 cases in California. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 both within Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

To fight the spread of COVID-19, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, commonly called the "Stay At Home" Order, requiring all persons residing in the State to remain in their homes or places of residence, except as needed to maintain the continuity of operations for critical infrastructure (the "Stay-at-Home Order"). The amended Mono County Order places stricter restrictions on short-term lodging facilities, clarifying uses that are permitted under the Governor's Order, and extends the timeframe of the previous Order. This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19.