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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND**

MARCIANO PLATA, et al.,  
*Plaintiffs,*  
v.  
GAVIN NEWSOM., et al.,  
*Defendants.*

Case No. C01-1351 JST

**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL W. BIEN  
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'  
EMERGENCY MOTION [ECF 3266]**

1 I, Michael W. Bien, declare:

2 1. I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court. I am a partner  
3 in the law firm of Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld LLP, counsel of record for Plaintiffs in  
4 *Coleman v. Newsom*, No. 90-0520 KJM DB (E.D. Cal.). I have personal knowledge of  
5 the facts set forth herein, and if called as a witness, I could competently so testify. I  
6 make this declaration in support of the Plaintiffs' emergency motion in *Plata v. Newsom*  
7 regarding prevention and management of COVID-19 in California prisons [ECF  
8 No. 3266].

9 2. The Governor, in Executive Order N-25-20, issued on March 12, 2020,  
10 invoked emergency powers to "commandeer property-hotels and other places of  
11 temporary residence, medical facilities as necessary for quarantining, isolating or treating  
12 individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had a high-risk exposure and  
13 are thought to be in the incubation period." *Id.* ¶ 8. A true and correct copy of the  
14 Executive Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and available at  
15 [https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.12.20-EO-N-25-20-COVID-](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.12.20-EO-N-25-20-COVID-19.pdf)  
16 [19.pdf](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.12.20-EO-N-25-20-COVID-19.pdf) (last accessed Apr. 14, 2020). As shown on the California Department of General  
17 Services' webpage identifying and describing all types of state-owned property, there are  
18 numerous available properties in California that the State may be able to use to  
19 temporarily house class members. See <https://spigis.apps.dgs.ca.gov/> (last accessed Apr.  
20 14, 2020).

21 3. On April 8, 2020, I participated in a telephonic meet and confer with  
22 counsel for CDCR in *Coleman* related to COVID-19 planning. Defendants stated that  
23 their current plan did not specifically prioritize moving *Coleman* patients with risk factors  
24 for COVID-19 out of densely populated areas. Defendants also stated they were still in  
25 the process of gathering information to allow calculation of the physical distancing  
26 currently possible for each set of class members at each institution and level of care.  
While they were able to provide the total square footage of *buildings* that contained

1 dorms within CDCR's facilities, that information included all communal areas, control  
2 booths, guard towers, solid walls, etc. Defendants did not provide square footage  
3 information specific to the bed space of each dorm, and did not have any further update  
4 regarding when they would have that information. In response to questions posed by  
5 Plaintiffs' counsel during the meet and confer, Defendants stated that they did not have a  
6 specific methodology for calculating the number of people each dorm could house to  
7 achieve the requisite physical distancing. Defendants were not able to provide a date by  
8 which they will achieve appropriate physical distancing for the *Coleman* class.

9 4. Also during the April 8, 2020 meet and confer, Defendants stated that other  
10 than moving 46 female inmates from Folsom Women's Facility (FWF) to McFarland  
11 Female Community Reentry Facility, and an unspecified number of male inmates to a  
12 second outside facility with which CDCR already has a contract, Defendants did not  
13 currently have a concrete plan to temporarily house additional inmates in facilities  
14 outside of its 35 institutions. Defendants stated they did not currently have a sense of the  
15 total number of inmates that they would need to move from occupied to unoccupied  
16 spaces within the 35 prisons in order to feel comfortable with the level of physical  
17 distancing in all the various housing settings.

18 5. I have personally encouraged Defendants to identify and secure facilities  
19 outside of the prison system to safely house class members and to reduce the density of  
20 the overcrowded prisons. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** is a true and correct copy of an  
21 email dated March 20, 2020, that I sent to Kelli Evans, Chief Deputy Legal Affairs  
22 Secretary in the Office of the Governor, and a memorandum I attached to that email  
23 published by the Community Oriented Correctional Health Services entitled "Addressing  
24 the Needs of Justice-Involved People During the COVID-19 Pandemic: An 1135 Waiver  
25 Approach." I sent this memorandum to Ms. Evans in order to provide her with  
26 information on how States can request that the Health and Human Services Secretary,  
pursuant to Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, waive certain Medicare, Medicaid

1 and CHIP requirements to ensure availability of health care services for Medicaid  
2 beneficiaries. By requesting Section 1135 waivers, the State could allow for emergency  
3 medical and mental health facilities to be created to specifically serve individuals from  
4 correctional institutions.

5 6. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** is a true and correct copy of an email dated  
6 March 24, 2020, that I sent to Ms. Evans, identifying several available adult, skilled  
7 nursing and hospital facilities in California that Defendants could use to house class  
8 members. The facilities identified in my email include: St Vincent’s Hospital in Los  
9 Angeles (500 beds), Sonoma Developmental Center in Sonoma County, St. Louise  
10 Hospital near Gilroy (150 beds), Castle Air Force Base in Atwater, McClellan Air force  
11 Base in Sacramento, Alameda Naval Station, Fort Ord, and Camp Roberts near Paso  
12 Robles. My email also provided publicly available information about closed military  
13 bases in California. See [http://www.formerbases.com/california\\_northern.htm](http://www.formerbases.com/california_northern.htm).

14 7. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 4** is a true and correct copy of a webpage dated  
15 April 8, 2020 published by the Legislative Analyst’s Office entitled, “COVID-19 and the  
16 National Guard,” available at  
17 [https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/4218?utm\\_source=laowww&utm\\_medium=email](https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/4218?utm_source=laowww&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4218)  
18 [&utm\\_campaign=4218](https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/4218?utm_source=laowww&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=4218). As described therein, on March 22, 2020, President Trump  
19 authorized the National Guard in California to serve under Title 32 of the U.S. Code in  
20 order the support the State’s COVID-19 response efforts.

21 8. In February 2020, Defendants engaged in a search for available vacant  
22 spaces appropriate to house vulnerable persons who may have been exposed to or  
23 contracted COVID-19 on cruise ships and were then repatriated by the federal  
24 government and housed at Travis Air Force Base. According to a declaration filed in  
25 federal court by Dr. Mark Ghaly, the Secretary of the California’s Health and Human  
26 Services Agency (CHHS), on February 23, 2020, his agency considered several facilities  
around the state including “Sonoma Developmental Center, Army National Guard Camp

1 Roberts and closed youth correctional facilities.” Ghaly Decl. ¶ 12. A true and correct  
2 copy of Dr. Ghaly’s declaration and the associated pleadings in the matter *City of Costa*  
3 *Mesa v. United States*, Case No. 8:20-cv-00368-JLS (JDE) (S.D. Cal.), is attached hereto  
4 as **Exhibit 5**. Dr. Ghaly declared that “[a]ny facility selected needed to meet the very  
5 strict CDC sheltering criteria, which includes individual rooms and bathrooms for each  
6 patient.” Ghaly Decl. ¶ 12. The safe and appropriate location identified was the Fairview  
7 Developmental Center in Orange County that was very recently closed by the State, “with  
8 the last patient moving out on February 24, 2020.” Ghaly Decl. ¶ 14. Based on my  
9 review of publicly available information, it is my understanding that Fairview  
10 Developmental Center has housed more than 900 patients and was licensed as a hospital  
11 and skilled nursing facility. See [https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/state-facilities/fairview-  
13 dc/](https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/state-facilities/fairview-<br/>12 dc/) (last accessed Apr. 14, 2020). Other Developmental Centers, which provide inpatient  
14 care and treatment to people with intellectual disabilities, could be used to temporarily  
15 house class members. It is my understanding that the State has closed four large  
16 Developmental Centers and one state-operated community facility, but continues to  
17 operate one Developmental Center, one community facility, and two acute crisis homes.  
18 See <https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/state-facilities/> (last accessed Apr. 14, 2020).

16 9. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 6** is a true and correct copy of CDCR’s  
17 COVID-19 Preparedness webpage, last updated on April 13, 2020 and available at  
18 <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/>. According to this web posting, CDCR has suspended  
19 transfers of inmates into the Male Community Reentry Program (MCRP), the Custody to  
20 Community Transitional Reentry Program (CCTRP), the Alternative Custody Program  
21 (ACP), and to the Conservation Camp program until further notice. It is my  
22 understanding that *Coleman* class members at the EOP and CCCMS levels of care are  
23 eligible to participate in the MCRP.

23 10. Defendants should investigate other options for housing inmates outside its  
24 35 institutions. For example, it is my understanding that Defendants currently have

1 contracts with the following Modified Community Correctional Facilities: Golden State  
2 Modified Community Golden State Modified Community Correctional Facility (700  
3 beds); Desert View Modified Community Correctional Facility (700 beds); Shafter  
4 Modified Community Correctional Facility (640 beds); Taft Modified Community  
5 Correctional Facility (600 beds); Delano Modified Community Correctional Facility (578  
6 beds); and McFarland Female Community Reentry Facility (300 beds). Alex Gourse, an  
7 associate employed at my firm working under my direction and supervision, obtained this  
8 publically available information via the following webpages:

9 <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/adult-operations/reentry-services/> (last accessed Apr. 14, 2020);

10 <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/facility-locator/community-correctional-facilities/> (last accessed

11 Apr. 14, 2020). I also understand that Defendants previously had contracts with the

12 following private facilities: Central Valley Modified Community Correctional Facility in

13 La Palma, Arizona; North Lake Correctional Facility in Michigan; North Fork

14 Correctional Center in Oklahoma; Florence Correctional Facility in Arizona; and

15 Tallahatchie Correctional Facility in Mississippi. Mr. Gourse provided me with this

16 information, which is publicly available. *See*

17 [https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/news/2019/09/27/california-department-of-corrections-and-](https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/news/2019/09/27/california-department-of-corrections-and-rehabilitation-ends-contract-with-private-prison/)

18 [rehabilitation-ends-contract-with-private-prison/](https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/news/2019/09/27/california-department-of-corrections-and-rehabilitation-ends-contract-with-private-prison/) (last accessed Apr. 14, 2020);

19 [https://www.bakersfield.com/news/cdcr-to-stop-using--bed-private-prison-in-](https://www.bakersfield.com/news/cdcr-to-stop-using--bed-private-prison-in-mcfarland/article_37bffd4-a4f4-11e9-b8c2-cf04c887b93c.html)

20 [mcfarland/article\\_37bffd4-a4f4-11e9-b8c2-cf04c887b93c.html](https://www.bakersfield.com/news/cdcr-to-stop-using--bed-private-prison-in-mcfarland/article_37bffd4-a4f4-11e9-b8c2-cf04c887b93c.html);

21 [https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/news/2019/09/27/california-department-of-corrections-and-](https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/news/2019/09/27/california-department-of-corrections-and-rehabilitation-ends-contract-with-private-prison/)

22 [rehabilitation-ends-contract-with-private-prison/](https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/news/2019/09/27/california-department-of-corrections-and-rehabilitation-ends-contract-with-private-prison/) (last accessed Apr. 14, 2020);

23 [https://www.privateprisonnews.org/media/publications/cdcr\\_termination\\_letter\\_and\\_cont](https://www.privateprisonnews.org/media/publications/cdcr_termination_letter_and_contract_geo_group_sept_2011.pdf)

24 [ract\\_geo\\_group\\_sept\\_2011.pdf](https://www.privateprisonnews.org/media/publications/cdcr_termination_letter_and_contract_geo_group_sept_2011.pdf) (last accessed Apr. 14, 2020).

25 11. Based on my review of publicly available information, it is my  
26 understanding that Porterville Developmental Center (PDC), located at 26501 Avenue  
140, Porterville, CA 93257, is on about 670 acres in the Sierra Nevada foothills of Tulare

1 County, outside the town of Porterville. PDC housed more than 2,600 people at its peak  
2 in 1958. It has two components, the General Treatment Area (“GTA”) and the Secure  
3 Treatment Program (“STP”). I understand that it had 203 people between the two  
4 programs as of February 26, 2020, but historical data from September 1999 showed 849  
5 people living there. I learned this by accessing the following website on April 9, 2020:  
6 <https://www.dds.ca.gov/Porterville/PortervillePop.cfm>. That link, unfortunately, no  
7 longer works. The GTA provides 24-hour residential services for individuals 18 years or  
8 older who have serious medical and/or behavioral problems for which appropriate  
9 services are not currently available through community resources. PDC has medical  
10 facilities licensed by the CDPH to provide general acute medical services, skilled nursing  
11 services, and intermediate care services. *See* [https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/state-  
facilities/porterville-dc/](https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/state-facilities/porterville-dc/).

12 12. Another Developmental Center that could be used to temporarily house  
13 incarcerated people is Canyon Springs Community Facility. Based on my review of  
14 publicly available information, it is my understanding that this facility is located at 69-  
15 696 Ramon Road, Cathedral City, CA 92234, in Riverside County. Canyon Springs  
16 opened in 2000, and is a 57,000 square foot community facility that is privately owned  
17 and leased by the California Department of Developmental Services (CDDS) to provide  
18 residential services, treatment, and training for up to 55 adults. I understand that the  
19 facility originally operated as a private inpatient mental health treatment center. *See*  
20 <https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/state-facilities/canyon-springs/> (last accessed Apr. 14,  
2020).

21 13. Another available Developmental Center is the Sonoma Developmental  
22 Center. Based on my review of publicly available information, it is my understanding  
23 that this facility closed in December 2018. It is located at 15000 Arnold Drive, Eldridge,  
24 CA 95431, between the City of Sonoma and Santa Rosa, on more than 800 acres of land.  
It has a multitude of cottages on both sides of Arnold Drive that housed people with

1 developmental disabilities. I understand that its highest reported population in the past 25  
2 years was 1,164, in December 1994. I learned this from accessing the following website  
3 on April 9, 2020: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/Porterville/PortervillePop.cfm>. That link,  
4 unfortunately, no longer works.

5 14. Based on my review of publicly available information, it is my  
6 understanding that in addition to temporarily transferring inmates to the aforementioned  
7 Developmental Centers, Defendants could house class members in Division of Juvenile  
8 Justice (DJJ) facilities, which I understand are currently at less than 40% capacity. See  
9 <https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/3998> (last accessed Apr. 14, 2020).

10 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America  
11 that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration is executed at San  
12 Francisco, California this 14th day of April, 2020.

13 */s/ Michael W. Bien*

14 Michael W. Bien



# **EXHIBIT 1**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20**

**WHEREAS** on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** despite sustained efforts, the virus remains a threat, and further efforts to control the spread of the virus to reduce and minimize the risk of infection are needed; and

**WHEREAS** state and local public health officials may, as they deem necessary in the interest of public health, issue guidance limiting or recommending limitations upon attendance at public assemblies, conferences, or other mass events, which could cause the cancellation of such gatherings through no fault or responsibility of the parties involved, thereby constituting a force majeure; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Public Health is maintaining up-to-date guidance relating to COVID-19, available to the public at <http://cdph.ca.gov/covid19>; and

**WHEREAS** the State of California and local governments, in collaboration with the Federal government, continue sustained efforts to minimize the spread and mitigate the effects of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** there is a need to secure numerous facilities to accommodate quarantine, isolation, or medical treatment of individuals testing positive for or exposed to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, many individuals who have developmental disabilities and receive services through regional centers funded by the Department of Developmental Services also have chronic medical conditions that make them more susceptible to serious symptoms of COVID-19, and it is critical that they continue to receive their services while also protecting their own health and the general public health; and

**WHEREAS** individuals exposed to COVID-19 may be temporarily unable to report to work due to illness caused by COVID-19 or quarantines related to COVID-19 and individuals directly affected by COVID-19 may experience potential loss of income, health care and medical coverage, and ability to pay for housing and basic needs, thereby placing increased demands on already strained regional and local health and safety resources such as shelters and food banks; and

**WHEREAS** in the interest of public health and safety, it is necessary to exercise my authority under the Emergency Services Act, specifically Government Code section 8572, to ensure adequate facilities exist to address the impacts of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this order would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571 and 8572, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. All residents are to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials, including but not limited to the imposition of social distancing measures, to control the spread of COVID-19.
2. For the period that began January 24, 2020 through the duration of this emergency, the Employment Development Department shall have the discretion to waive the one-week waiting period in Unemployment Insurance Code section 2627(b)(1) for disability insurance applicants who are unemployed and disabled as a result of the COVID-19, and who are otherwise eligible for disability insurance benefits.
3. For the period that began January 24, 2020 through the duration of this emergency, the Employment Development Department shall have the discretion to waive the one-week waiting period in Unemployment Insurance Code section 1253(d) for unemployment insurance applicants who are unemployed as a result of the COVID-19, and who are otherwise eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.
4. Notwithstanding Health and Safety Code section 1797.172(b), during the course of this emergency, the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority shall have the authority to implement additions to local optional scopes of practice without first consulting with a committee of local EMS medical directors named by the EMS Medical Directors Association of California.
5. In order to quickly provide relief from interest and penalties, the provisions of the Revenue and Taxation Code that apply to the taxes and fees administered by the Department of Tax and Fee Administration, requiring the filing of a statement under penalty of perjury setting forth the facts for a claim for relief, are suspended for a period of 60 days after the date of this Order for any individuals or businesses who are unable to file a timely tax return or make a timely payment as a result of complying with a state or local public health official's imposition or recommendation of social distancing measures related to COVID-19.
6. The Franchise Tax Board, the Board of Equalization, the Department of Tax and Fee Administration, and the Office of Tax Appeals shall use their administrative powers where appropriate to provide those individuals and businesses impacted by complying with a state or local public health official's imposition or recommendation of social

distancing measures related to COVID-19 with the extensions for filing, payment, audits, billing, notices, assessments, claims for refund, and relief from subsequent penalties and interest.

7. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall ensure adequate state staffing during this emergency. Consistent with applicable federal law, work hour limitations for retired annuitants, permanent and intermittent personnel, and state management and senior supervisors, are suspended. Furthermore, reinstatement and work hour limitations in Government Code sections 21220, 21224(a), and 7522.56(b), (d), (f), and (g), and the time limitations in Government Code section 19888.1 and California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 300-303 are suspended. The Director of the California Department of Human Resources must be notified of any individual employed pursuant to these waivers.
8. The California Health and Human Services Agency and the Office of Emergency Services shall identify, and shall otherwise be prepared to make available—including through the execution of any necessary contracts or other agreements and, if necessary, through the exercise of the State's power to commandeer property – hotels and other places of temporary residence, medical facilities, and other facilities that are suitable for use as places of temporary residence or medical facilities as necessary for quarantining, isolating, or treating individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had a high-risk exposure and are thought to be in the incubation period.
9. The certification and licensure requirements of California Code of Regulations, Title 17, section 1079 and Business and Professions Code section 1206.5 are suspended as to all persons who meet the requirements under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of section 353 of the Public Health Service Act for high complexity testing and who are performing analysis of samples to test for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in any certified public health laboratory or licensed clinical laboratory.
10. To ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities continue to receive the services and supports mandated by their individual program plans threatened by disruptions caused by COVID-19, the Director of the Department of Developmental Services may issue directives waiving any provision or requirement of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, the California Early Intervention Services Act, and the accompanying regulations of Title 17, Division 2 of the California Code of Regulations. A directive may delegate to the regional centers any authority granted to the Department by law where the Director believes such delegation is necessary to ensure services to individuals with developmental disabilities. The Director shall describe the need justifying the waiver granted in each directive and articulate how the waiver is necessary to protect the public health or safety from the threat of COVID-19 or necessary to ensure that services to individuals with developmental disabilities are not disrupted. Any waiver granted by a directive shall expire 30 days from the date of its issuance. The Director may grant one or more 30-day extensions if the waiver continues to be necessary

to protect health or safety or to ensure delivery of services. The Director shall rescind a waiver once it is no longer necessary to protect public health or safety or ensure delivery of services. Any waivers and extensions granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be posted on the Department's website.

11. Notwithstanding any other provision of state or local law, including the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act, a local legislative body or state body is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to attend and to address the local legislative body or state body, during the period in which state or local public officials impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, including but not limited to limitations on public events. All requirements in both the Bagley-Keene Act and the Brown Act expressly or impliedly requiring the physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the body, or of the public as a condition of participation in or quorum for a public meeting are hereby waived.

In particular, any otherwise-applicable requirements that

- (i) state and local bodies notice each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting;
- (ii) each teleconference location be accessible to the public;
- (iii) members of the public may address the body at each teleconference conference location;
- (iv) state and local bodies post agendas at all teleconference locations;
- (v) at least one member of the state body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting; and
- (vi) during teleconference meetings, a least a quorum of the members of the local body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local body exercises jurisdiction

are hereby suspended, on the conditions that:

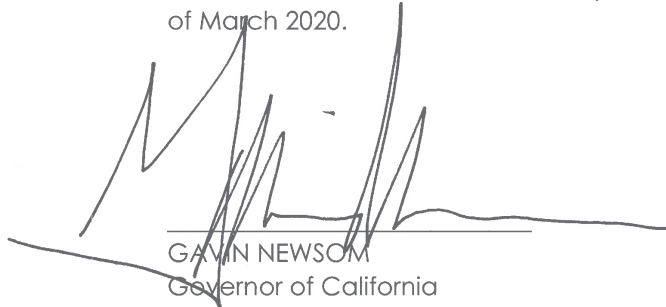
- (i) each state or local body must give advance notice of each public meeting, according to the timeframe otherwise prescribed by the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act, and using the means otherwise prescribed by the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act, as applicable; and
- (ii) consistent with the notice requirement in paragraph (i), each state or local body must notice at least one publicly accessible location from which members of the public shall have the right to observe and offer public comment at the public meeting, consistent with the public's rights of access and public comment otherwise provided for by the Bagley-Keene Act and the Brown Act, as applicable (including, but not limited to, the requirement that such rights of access and public comment be made available in a manner consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act).

In addition to the mandatory conditions set forth above, all state and local bodies are urged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the provisions of the Bagley-Keene Act and the Brown Act, and other applicable local laws regulating the conduct of public meetings, in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to their meetings.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 12th day of March 2020.



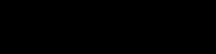
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat messy.

GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# **EXHIBIT 2**



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**From:** Michael W. Bien  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 7:14 AM  
**To:** Kelli Evans  
**Subject:** Hospital access  
**Attachments:** COVID-19-Justicie-Involved-1135-Waiver.pdf; ATT00001.txt

<https://cochs.org/files/medicaid/COVID-19-Justicie-Involved-1135-Waiver.pdf>





## **Addressing the Needs of Justice-Involved People During the COVID-19 Pandemic: An 1135 Waiver Approach**

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COVID19 represents a grave and disproportionate threat to incarcerated people. The COVID19 pandemic is laying bare an essential truth of our health care system: The health of justice-involved individuals is deeply intertwined with the health of the broader community. Circulation of the virus in jails and prisons will drive the overall epidemic curve upwards and have catastrophic consequences on justice-involved individuals and broader population health. The needs of justice-involved people and the urgency of reducing the growth of the pandemic will require addressing barriers to care inside and outside the walls. Correctional facilities across the country are identifying ways to reduce the number of incarcerated individuals in order to avoid the coming tsunami. These practices are essential to good management of the health of the entire population. As state health and corrections officials act swiftly to mitigate the spread of COVID19, however, 1135 Medicaid waivers could provide an opportunity to address the needs of the justice-involved population and promote public health.

### **Hospitals and corrections face daunting challenges during this crisis**

Approaches are needed that promote public health and reduce burdens on health care providers and correctional systems. Few, if any, correctional facilities are capable of handling the volume of individuals with COVID19-related symptoms. Correctional facilities typically send high-acuity patients to local hospitals, where Medicaid pays for in-patient hospitalizations for low-income inmates. Hospital capacity is widely expected to be extremely strained, and these pressures are raising concerns that as providers confront allocating limited resources among extremely ill patients, justice-involved people may be disadvantaged. Before this crisis, correctional staff were required to accompany the patient during their stay at the hospital. Following such protocols now would quickly overburden justice

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/03/17/upshot/hospital-bed-shortages-coronavirus.html>

and health staff. In order to alleviate the pressure on the hospital system and the correctional staff, a solution is required that will simultaneously reduce the pressures on both systems. Emergency actions taken by state and local governments must contemplate how to plan for high acuity needs of incarcerated patients who become ill, and the staffing resources to care for those who remain incarcerated. 1135 Medicaid waivers, which during emergencies enable providers not to comply with some federal regulatory requirements, provide a mechanism for addressing some of these challenges.

### **Medicaid guidance describes limits on possible solutions**

By law, Medicaid does not finance services for people who are incarcerated, with the exception of inpatient hospital stays that exceed twenty-four hours. However, federal guidance places limits on the institutions that qualify for Medicaid coverage of these services. The rationale from CMS was to ensure that our health system did not blindly import the punitive and isolating features of incarceration. To avoid creation of hospitals, nursing facilities or other medical institutions operated primarily or exclusively to serve inmates in 2016 CMS provided guidance that classified these institutions as ‘correctional institutions,’ thus excluding them from Medicaid coverage.<sup>2</sup> While CMS’ rationale is appropriate for creating a health-centered care system, locked facilities that serve justice-involved individuals in this time of crisis would reduce the burden on hospital staff and remove the need for one-to-one correctional officer support. Further, these facilities would be able to operate in close relationship to health care systems and improve the standard of care for justice-involved individuals.

Additionally, federal guidance aims to avoid creating prison units within the hospital systems. To that end, the federal guidance aims to ensure that “[f]or hospitals, the individuals are admitted to specific medical units based not on their status as inmates of a correctional institution, but rather based on their treatment needs and plan of care and generally are placed in units also serving other individuals with similar treatment needs and plans of care[.]”<sup>3</sup> In addition, when justice-involved individuals are served in skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, an individual must retain the right to privacy, the right to choose visitors, right to move freely, and many other rights that would negate the opportunity to bill Medicaid for life-saving services.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/Federal-Policy-Guidance/Downloads/sho16007.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-16-21.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

These aims protect the rights of Medicaid beneficiaries as consumers; however, in times of crisis, these aims will lead to negative health outcomes in the face of an over-burdened health system. By allowing facilities to aggregate justice-involved individuals in specialized units the burden on correctional staff can be reduced by lowering the necessary correctional-staff-to-patient ratio.

By disallowing facilities that serve only justice-involved individuals and disallowing units that aggregate individuals based on justice status, States will not be able to create justice-involved-specific facilities that are responsive to the growing needs of justice-involved individuals who will need care. Suspending these requirements during the emergency, will empower States and local jurisdictions to work with their local health systems to create a facilities that meet the standards of care requirements of the Medicaid program while serving justice-involved individuals in units created to meet this unique moment.

### **Using 1135 waivers, states can develop specific approaches to health care services for people who are involved in the justice system**

Policymakers have specific tools available to them during a National Emergency declared by the president. Under section 1135 of the Social Security Act, the Health and Human Services Secretary may temporarily waive certain Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP requirements at the request of states including conditions of participation and certification requirements, licensure requirements, within certain parameters; as well as preapproval and timeliness requirements. These unique, temporary measures are taken to ensure the availability of health care services for Medicaid beneficiaries and to enable providers that do not comply with some programmatic requirements to get paid for services that are provided in good faith. States are developing 1135 waivers now; the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services approved the first state 1135 request this week.<sup>5</sup>

COCHS suggests that as states contemplate requesting 1135 waivers that the state request waiving guidance offered in SHO #16-007 and S&C 16-21-ALL. Specifically:

- Allowing for facilities to be created that specifically serve individuals from correctional institutions at the same standard of care of other Medicaid beneficiaries;
- Allowing for aggregation of individuals in units designed specifically for individuals based upon their justice involvement.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/fl-section-1135-appvl.pdf>

By waiving these and other portions of the guidance, emergency facilities could be created that would serve justice involved individuals whose care needs exceed the ability of correctional facilities --thereby, reducing the burden on local budgets, reducing the need for one-to-one correctional staff management, and creating avenues for novel deployment of local, state, and federal resources.

Beyond the opportunities available through 1135 waivers, states should continue to identify opportunities for meeting the needs of justice-involved individuals through 1115 waivers and legislative actions that respond to this unique time in our nation's history. As always, COCHS will continue to identify novel policy approaches to support justice-involved communities and the agencies that serve them.

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Camp Roberts (moth-balled) near Paso Robles/San Miguel Ca

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# COVID-19

## COVID-19 and the National Guard

As a result of the emergence of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the federal government is providing various types of assistance to support states as they engage in response efforts, as well as mitigate some of the associated economic impacts to businesses, local communities, and individuals. In this post, we discuss the assistance the federal government is providing to states through the National Guard.

### *National Guard Plays Key Role in Meeting Various Critical State and National Needs.*

The National Guard includes soldiers and airmen (guardsmembers) that typically serve part time. However, the Governor or President can call on these guardsmembers to provide full-time assistance when domestic or international needs arise. For example, guardsmembers may assist with fighting wildland fires, counterdrug activities, and combat missions abroad. Typically, when the Governor calls guardsmembers, they are on state active duty. In these cases, the state is generally responsible for the costs of activating these personnel who work under the direction of the Governor. (In some cases, the federal government may reimburse the state for a portion of these costs, such as when the state receives a federal disaster declaration.) In contrast, when the President calls on guardsmembers, they are on federal active duty, and the federal government is responsible for the costs. In most cases, the President calls on guardsmembers under Title 10 of the U.S. Code. When this occurs, the guardsmembers work under the direction of the President.

***National Guard Authorized Under Title 32 in Response to COVID-19.*** On March 22, 2020, President Trump authorized the National Guard in California to serve under Title 32 of the U.S. Code in order to support the state's COVID-19 response efforts. (Other states have also received this authorization.) From the perspective of the state, this authorization means that the federal government will cover the full cost of eligible activities performed

by the guardsmembers. We also note that unlike authorizations made under Title 10, guardsmembers serve under the direction of the Governor under Title 32—giving the state greater control over how the guardsmembers are employed.

***Recent Federal Legislation Provided Additional Funding for National Guard Activities.***

On March 27, 2020, Congress passed and the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (H.R. 748). Among other things, this legislation provides about \$1.4 billion to support the National Guard’s response to COVID-19 nationwide. At the time this post was prepared, the Secretary of Defense authorized California to receive \$48 million of this amount to support the equivalent of 3,000 soldiers for 30 days on Title 32 status for COVID-19 related activities. However, should the state begin to deplete this funding, it can request an increase from the federal government. Accordingly, the amount of resources that will ultimately be provided to California could increase in the future depending on the state’s needs.

***National Guard Engaged in Various COVID-19 Activities, Which Could Expand.*** At the time this post was prepared, roughly 1,000 guardsmembers were engaged in the state’s COVID-19 response efforts—specifically for a few key tasks, such as distributing of food at foodbanks, providing COVID-19 testing support, and transporting patients to medical facilities. As the state’s COVID-19 response progresses, the state will likely increase the number of guardsmembers who are supporting the state’s efforts to respond to COVID-19 and may task guardsmembers with additional responsibilities to help ensure the health and safety of the public.

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### INTRODUCTION

California’s quarantine laws enable it to nimbly and quickly protect the public health in response to threats posed by infectious disease. Concerning the current COVID-19 outbreak, this authority includes the ability to identify State property where California residents under federal quarantine may be safely housed and treated by federal authorities—in strict compliance with Center for Disease Control and Prevention standards and under federal authorities’ provision of security measures to protect the community.

Here, local authorities seek to impede the State’s ability to assist with the federal quarantine designed specifically to protect public health, simply based on speculation of risk to the surrounding community—which speculation, as it happens, is not only incorrect but contrary to public health protection for the very community involved as well as for the rest of the State. But that conjecture is inadequate to meet the showing required for injunctive relief. The Fairview facility has been thoroughly assessed by federal officials. And the State has conditioned its use on the federal government’s provision of security and safety measures. The need for prompt action, exercised in careful compliance with established healthcare standards and for the benefit of the public at large, legally is not, as it must not be, subjected to local veto. Here, Plaintiffs have not met their heavy burden to justify a temporary restraining order, and their request must be denied.

Plaintiffs request for relief suffers from other legal defects as well. Eleventh Amendment immunity plainly bars relief against the State and state agencies as its instrumentalities. In addition, Plaintiffs lack standing. Not only do they fail to show a concrete and particularized injury, but Ninth Circuit precedent clearly prohibits a local government from bringing constitutional claims against the State. Further, Plaintiffs fail to demonstrate any denial of procedural or substantive due process. And their late-added nuisance claim cannot stand, in light of specific

1 statutory authority for state action under California’s Communicable Disease  
2 Prevention and Control Act and Emergency Services Act.

3 Ultimately, California’s public health hangs in the balance on resolution of  
4 this specious, actually frivolous, litigation. California has been acting, and must  
5 continue to act, in support of federal quarantine authority to best preserve public  
6 health both for affected persons and to prevent further exposure. It is the State’s  
7 authority and it is in all Californians’ health and safety interest, for California to  
8 exercise public health and safety expertise to identify and implement the safest  
9 locations to treat and support exposed or affected persons and to prevent further risk  
10 of exposure within the State.

### 11 STATEMENT OF THE CASE

#### 12 I. CALIFORNIA AGENCIES HAVE COORDINATED WITH FEDERAL AND 13 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ADDRESS THE GLOBAL HEALTH RISK AND CONTAIN THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

14 Since the outbreak of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19, California  
15 state agencies and departments have mobilized state resources in multi-agency  
16 efforts to address the global health risk that the outbreak poses to the health, safety,  
17 and well-being of Californians. Of those state agencies, the California Health and  
18 Human Services Agency (CHHS) and the California Department of Public Health’s  
19 (CDPH) Center for Infectious Diseases have worked with federal and local  
20 governments to contain COVID-19 statewide and protect the public health of  
21 California communities. Decl. of Mark Ghaly (Ghaly Decl.) ¶¶ 3-5. CDPH’s  
22 Center for Infectious Diseases is responsible for protecting Californians from  
23 infectious diseases and ensuring that individuals who have an infectious disease  
24 receive appropriate treatment and that the health and well-being of the general  
25 public are protected. *Id.* ¶ 3. In addition, the California Governor’s Office of  
26 Emergency Services (Cal OES) has coordinated with CHHS in its response to the  
27 COVID-19 outbreak by tasking or coordinating with other California state agencies  
28 to support CHHS operations. Decl. of Eric Lamoureux (Lamoureux Decl.) ¶¶ 6, 10.

1 Throughout the COVID-19 outbreak, CHHS and CDPH have closely  
2 communicated with officials at the federal Department of Health and Human  
3 Services (USHHS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well  
4 as county public health officials in California Ghaly Decl. ¶ 3.

5 Since January 29, 2020, the federal government has repatriated more than 800  
6 individuals from China and Japan to California because of the COVID-19 outbreak.  
7 Ghaly Decl. ¶ 4. In response, CHHS, along with CDPH and Cal OES, established  
8 the Medical and Health Coordination Center (MHCC) to coordinate activities  
9 among local, state, and federal governments. *Id.* The MHCC has hosted regular  
10 conference calls with local health departments and health care providers to ensure  
11 they received the most updated information as it became available from the federal  
12 government. *Id.*

13 The California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) issued  
14 interim guidance to local emergency services agencies regarding the treatment of  
15 patients infected with COVID-19; this guidance addressed status, screening,  
16 transport, and infection control, including specific personal protective equipment  
17 (PPE) requirements for the handling of infected patients. Ghaly Decl. ¶ 4. In  
18 addition, CDPH has issued guidance and information regarding COVID-19 to  
19 licensed health care facilities, schools, school districts, universities and colleges,  
20 and childcare facilities. *Id.* Specifically, CDPH has issued All Facilities Letters to  
21 licensed health care facilities in order to ensure facilities had the appropriate  
22 resources and protocols to address the outbreak, such as criteria for evaluating  
23 potential cases of COVID-10 and recommendations for reporting, specimen  
24 collection, and testing. *Id.*

25 Throughout the COVID-19 outbreak, CHHS and CDPH have regularly  
26 coordinated with federal and local governments in order to protect the health of  
27 travelers returning to California and to protect public health in California  
28 communities. CHHS and CDPH have provided guidance and communication to

1 local health officials on screening and monitoring of returned travelers from  
2 commercial flights, assisted local health officials in identifying and testing  
3 suspected cases of COVID-19 in returned travelers, and collaborated with local  
4 health officials in jurisdictions where military bases have received repatriation  
5 flights. Ghaly Decl. ¶ 5. Additionally, CHHS and CDPH are actively collaborating  
6 across state and local sectors to ensure California's public health and healthcare  
7 delivery systems are prepared for additional cases of COVID-19, including a  
8 potential pandemic. *Id.*

9 **II. STATE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS HAVE REGULARLY**  
10 **COORDINATED WITH FEDERAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN**  
11 **MANAGEMENT OF THE IMPACTS RELATED TO THE FEDERALLY IMPOSED**  
12 **QUARANTINED POPULATIONS**

13 Cal OES coordinated with multiple state agencies to mobilize state resources  
14 to assist CHHS in its response to contain COVID-19 and manage the effects of  
15 federally imposed quarantined populations spread across California at federal  
16 military bases. Lamoureux Decl. ¶ 7. This multi-agency effort included identifying  
17 state-owned facilities that could augment federal efforts to quarantine both  
18 symptomatic and asymptomatic populations. *Id.* To accomplish this, Cal OES  
19 tasked the Department of General Services (DGS) to conduct property inventory  
20 surveys; tasked the California National Guard (CNG) to identify CNG facilities for  
21 potential use (which included Camp Roberts); and led assessment teams of Cal  
22 OES logisticians and California Department of Social Services staff in assessing  
23 state facilities to determine if the facilities would satisfy the clinical requirements  
24 for quarantine. *Id.* Cal OES also tasked DGS to establish transportation contracts  
25 to safely move travelers from federal points of entry to quarantine sites statewide  
26 and conduct cleaning services at the Fairview Developmental Center, a location  
27 identified as possible quarantine site. *Id.*

28 Since the first repatriation flight of United States citizens, permanent  
residents, and their immediate family members arrived in California in late January

1 2020, Cal OES has regularly worked with local and county governments in its  
2 efforts to support CHHS in complying with the federally imposed quarantine  
3 requirements. Lamoureux Decl. ¶ 9. Cal OES provided a critical information and  
4 coordination link to local emergency managers in counties where the federal  
5 government was quarantining at military installations and with local emergency  
6 managers and public safety officials in counties where travelers from China were  
7 arriving. Lamoureux Decl. ¶ 10. Cal OES also worked with counties where the  
8 CDC eventually determined that a potential site did not meet clinical requirements  
9 for quarantine, such as the site at Ontario Airport in San Bernardino County.  
10 Lamoureux Decl. ¶ 9.

11 Regarding the use of State facilities, before any operations have taken place,  
12 Cal OES has facilitated communications with local government officials in the  
13 jurisdiction where those facilities were identified. Lamoureux Decl. ¶ 11. In  
14 addition to communications concerning Fairview, this included discussions with  
15 San Luis Obispo County and Monterey County when Camp Roberts was being  
16 considered as a potential quarantine site and with Los Angeles, San Mateo, and San  
17 Francisco counties, where travelers were arriving through Los Angeles and San  
18 Francisco international airports. Lamoureux Decl. ¶ 11. Cal OES also coordinated  
19 between its Law Enforcement Branch and the United States Marshall Service to  
20 ensure for proper security at relevant sites, including state facilities that have been  
21 considered as potential quarantine sites. Lamoureux Decl. ¶ 8.

22 **III. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S RELOCATION OUT OF STATE OF**  
23 **REPATRIATED CITIZENS WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**  
24 **POSES A HEALTH RISK TO COVID-19 PATIENTS WHO ARE**  
25 **CALIFORNIAN RESIDENTS**

26 On February 17, 2020, the federal government repatriated United States  
27 citizens who had previously been passengers on the Diamond Princess cruise ship  
28 in Yokohoma, Japan and had experienced significant exposure to other individuals  
who tested positive for COVID-19. Ghaly Decl. ¶ 6. Repatriated individuals are

1 quarantined under the CDC's authority to quarantine individuals entering the  
2 United States from abroad when there is reason to believe they have been exposed  
3 to an infectious disease. *Id.* Individuals from the cruise ship pose a great public  
4 health risk if they are released back into their communities without any isolation or  
5 observation, as such events would be substantially likely to lead to a major  
6 domestic outbreak of a highly contagious disease. *Id.* ¶ 7. Upon their return, some  
7 of the United States passengers were taken to Travis Air Force Base (Travis), in  
8 Fairfield, Solano County, California, for quarantine, testing, and observation. *Id.* at  
9 ¶ 8.

10 On or about February 18, 2020, USHHS informed CHHS that the U.S.  
11 Department of Defense (DoD) would not allow repatriated individuals who have  
12 tested positive or are symptomatic for COVID-19 to remain on military  
13 installations for isolation and supportive care. Ghaly Decl. ¶ 9. Based on what is  
14 currently known about COVID-19, it may take up to 30 days for an infected  
15 individual to no longer be contagious to others. *Id.* Thus, individuals who have  
16 tested positive may need to be isolated from others for approximately a month. *Id.*

17 USHHS further informed CHHS that individuals quarantined at Travis who  
18 test positive for COVID-19 would be relocated to the Federal Emergency  
19 Management Agency Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama.  
20 The forced relocation of these Californian residents from California to Alabama for  
21 the duration of their isolation period, after having already undergone quarantine for  
22 weeks on a cruise ship, poses health risks to these repatriated individuals, many of  
23 whom are over the age of 65 and have chronic underlying health conditions. Ghaly  
24 Decl. ¶ 10. CHHS determined that it would be disruptive to their health if they  
25 were transferred to Alabama. *Id.* Additionally, approximately seventy of the  
26 individuals repatriated to Travis are California residents, and remaining in state to  
27 complete their quarantine would facilitate and ease their return home. *Id.*

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1 **IV. FAIRVIEW DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER HAS MET CDC'S SHELTERING**  
2 **CRITERIA AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AS A QUARANTINE SITE FOR**  
3 **THE COVID-19 PATIENTS**

4 To maintain observation and isolation of the individuals from the cruise who  
5 tested positive for COVID-19 and mitigate further risks to their health, CHHS  
6 assessed state-owned and operated facilities within California where these  
7 individuals could be treated and housed until they are no longer contagious. Ghaly  
8 Decl. ¶ 11. CHHS considered several facilities around the state, including Sonoma  
9 Developmental Center, Army National Guard Camp Roberts, and closed youth  
10 correctional facilities. *Id.* ¶ 12. The federal government has ultimate authority over  
11 the conditions in which repatriated individuals subject to the federal quarantine  
12 order are housed, and the CDC is responsible for enforcing federal quarantine  
13 orders. *Id.* ¶ 15. Any facility selected as a quarantine site was required to comply  
14 with CDC's strict sheltering criteria, meet CDC's clinical requirements for  
15 quarantine, and be consistent with other federal operational constraints. *Id.* ¶ 12;  
16 Lamoureux Decl. ¶ 8.

17 On February 20, 2020, CHHS informed USHHS that it would offer Fairview  
18 Developmental Center (Fairview) in Orange County for the federal government's  
19 use as a location where California residents who test positive for COVID-19 but do  
20 not require hospitalization could remain in isolation until CDC determines they  
21 may return home, if USHHS met certain conditions. Ghaly Decl. ¶ 13.

22 In addition to Fairview having to meet the federal quarantine order and CDC's  
23 sheltering criteria, CHHS imposed additional conditions on the federal  
24 government's use of Fairview for isolation and care of Californians testing positive  
25 for COVID-19. Ghaly Decl. ¶ 16. Among these conditions were that USHHS  
26 would transfer qualifying patients to Fairview via air or ground ambulance with  
27 appropriate protective equipment; that, once the patients arrive at Fairview, USHHS  
28 would be responsible for security and fencing to protect the surrounding  
community, all medical care not requiring hospitalization, any wrap-around



1 services, feeding, cleaning and sanitation, and case management and logistics for  
2 departure; and that any patients requiring hospitalization would be transported via  
3 air or ground ambulance to a local facility able to care for them in Orange County  
4 or surrounding areas. *Id.*

5 Before CHHS's offer to USHHS to allow California residents at Travis who  
6 have tested positive for COVID-19 remain isolated at Fairview, on February 20,  
7 2020, state officials engaged with local partners to discuss that possibility. Ghaly  
8 Decl. ¶ 17. In particular, Department of Social Services Director Kim Johnson  
9 reached out to her counterpart at the Orange County Social Services Agency. *Id.*  
10 CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Sonia Angell reached out to the  
11 Orange County Health Officer. *Id.* Similar to how Cal OES had previously  
12 communicated with local government officials in jurisdictions where facilities were  
13 identified as potential quarantine sites, Cal OES staff reached out to the Orange  
14 County and City of Costa Mesa Emergency Managers, Orange County Fire Chief,  
15 and Orange County Sheriff. Lamoureux Decl. ¶ 9; Ghaly Decl. ¶ 17. During this  
16 time, Cal OES tasked DGS to conduct cleaning services at Fairview, while state  
17 agencies awaited the federal government's final decision regarding whether  
18 Fairview facility would be utilized to house travelers requiring quarantine.  
19 Lamoureux Decl. ¶ 7.

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21 **V. COVID-19 PATIENTS SHOULD BE QUARANTINED AT FAIRVIEW TO**  
22 **PREVENT PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS TO THESE PATIENTS AND TO**  
23 **CALIFORNIA COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**

24 CHHS offered Fairview to USHHS because CHHS determined that allowing  
25 CDC to have Californians who test positive for COVID-19 complete their isolation  
26 at Fairview would be the best means to safeguard public health in California.  
27 Ghaly Decl. ¶ 18. Upon CHHS's review and assessment, Fairview met CDC's  
28 stringent sheltering criteria and is the only appropriate and suitable state-owned site  
identified to date in the state for this purpose. *Id.* There is no clinical indication

1 that the health of the community in Costa Mesa would be jeopardized by housing  
2 and treating COVID-19 patients at Fairview. *Id.* As of February 24, 2020,  
3 Fairview will be empty of other patients. *Id.* ¶ 19. The potential risk of  
4 transmission to the community in Costa Mesa from housing COVID-19 patients  
5 there is negligible, as Fairview is secure and the patients housed there would be  
6 restricted from interacting with the surrounding community. *Id.*

7 By contrast, not housing COVID-19 patients at Fairview would pose  
8 substantial public health risks in California and substantially burden the local  
9 authorities where Travis is located. If the DoD expels these individuals from Travis  
10 and they are not transported to a suitable quarantine site, such as Fairview, local  
11 authorities in Solano County and surrounding counties would be charged with  
12 arranging for these individuals' isolation and required to house infected patients in  
13 hospitals and hotels. Ghaly Decl. ¶ 20. Hospitalizing COVID-19 patients who are  
14 not seriously ill would strain the ability of hospitals in Travis and different facilities  
15 around the state to respond to other health needs. *Id.* ¶¶ 20-21. If Solano County  
16 and surrounding counties are required to hospitalize the repatriated individuals from  
17 Travis, that would seriously burden their health care delivery systems and deprive  
18 them of the tools to address a potential COVID-19 outbreak there. *Id.* ¶ 21.  
19 Additionally, hospitalizing patients who are infected with COVID-19 but do not  
20 require hospitalization poses an avoidable public health risk that the illness could be  
21 transmitted to other hospitalized patients.

22 The remaining alternative available to CHHS presents very serious risks to the  
23 COVID-19 patients themselves. If the patients from Travis are not housed at  
24 Fairview, and if they are not subject to local quarantine in hotels and hospitals in  
25 Solano County and surrounding counties, the remaining alternative would be for  
26 these patients to be transported to Alabama. Ghaly Decl. ¶ 22. Requiring these  
27 patients—primarily elderly Californians who are positive for COVID-19, and who  
28 also in many cases suffer from serious underlying health conditions—to travel to

1 Alabama, after having been quarantined for several weeks on a cruise ship offshore  
2 and evacuated halfway across the world, could cause serious harm to their physical  
3 and mental health. It would also threaten significant disruption to their health. *Id.*

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5 **VI. BACKGROUND OF THE CURRENT CASE**

6 On February 21, 2020 at 3:30 p.m., counsel for the City of Costa Mesa  
7 provided notice by e-mail informing the Defendants of its *ex parte* application and  
8 Judge Josephine L. Staton’s granting of a temporary restraining order regarding the  
9 transportation of persons infected with or exposed to COVID-19 to any place  
10 within Costa Mesa, California. (Dkt. 4, 9.) Plaintiffs have not filed a complaint,  
11 and their *ex parte* application does not clearly specify the basis of their claims  
12 against each of the several federal and state defendants. Presumably, however, the  
13 due process claims at most would apply against the State Defendants. The other  
14 claims—under the Administrative Procedure Act and Tenth Amendment—could  
15 only be applied against the federal defendants.

16 The same day, the Court granted a temporary restraining order and ordered  
17 Defendants to file any opposition no later than Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 12:00  
18 p.m. The Court also set an expedited hearing for Monday, February 24, 2020, at  
19 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 10 A. (Dkt. 9.)

20 On Saturday night, at 9:42 p.m., without leave of the Court, Plaintiffs filed a  
21 “Further Statement Re Nuisance Claim,” asserting entitlement to relief under a  
22 nuisance theory. The Court has not yet issued any order concerning this filing.

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24 **LEGAL STANDARD**

25 Plaintiffs’ request for a temporary restraining order is governed by the same  
26 general standards that govern a request for a preliminary injunction. *See New*  
27 *Motor Vehicle Bd. v. Orrin W. Fox Co.*, 434 U.S. 1345, 1347 n.2, (1977). And a  
28 “preliminary injunction is an ‘extraordinary and drastic remedy’ ... never awarded

1 as of right,” and that is not to be routinely granted. *Munaf v. Geren*, 553 U.S. 674,  
2 689-90 (2008) (internal citations omitted); *Intel Corp. v. ULSI Sys. Tech., Inc.*, 995  
3 F.2d 1566, 1568 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Plaintiffs must establish that they are likely to  
4 succeed on the merits, that they are likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence  
5 of preliminary relief, that the balance of equities tips in their favor, and that an  
6 injunction would be in the public interest. *Winter v. Nat’l Res. Defense Council,*  
7 *Inc.*, 555 U.S. 7, 20 (2008). Injunctive relief is “an extraordinary remedy that may  
8 only be awarded upon a clear showing that the plaintiff is entitled to such relief.”  
9 *Id.* at 22. Here, as described below, Plaintiffs have failed to make this showing.

## 10 11 ARGUMENT

### 12 I. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BARS THE CLAIMS AGAINST THE 13 STATE DEFENDANTS

14 Principles of Eleventh Amendment sovereign immunity bar Plaintiffs’ claims,  
15 so that they cannot show likelihood of success on the merits. The Eleventh  
16 Amendment prohibits suit against a state or its instrumentalities for legal or  
17 equitable relief, in the absence of consent by the state or an abrogation of that  
18 immunity by Congress. *Papasan v. Allain*, 478 U.S. 265, 276-77 (1986); *Pennhurst*  
19 *State Sch. & Hosp. v. Halderman*, 465 U.S. 89, 100 (1984). Section 1983 did not  
20 abrogate a state’s Eleventh Amendment immunity, *Quern v. Jordan*, 440 U.S. 332,  
21 341 (1979), and the State of California has not waived that immunity regarding  
22 claims brought under section 1983 in federal court, *Atascadero State Hosp. v.*  
23 *Scanlon*, 473 U.S. 234, 241 (1985). Here, Plaintiffs seek relief against the State of  
24 California itself, as well as its direct instrumentalities—the Governor’s Office of  
25 Emergency Services and the Department of General Services—which are immune  
26 under the Eleventh Amendment.  
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1 Even if Plaintiffs had instead named state officials, the “Eleventh Amendment  
2 bars a suit against state officials when the state is the real, substantial party in  
3 interest.” *Pennhurst*, 465 U.S. at 101 (citation and internal quotation marks  
4 omitted). The “general rule is that relief sought nominally against an officer is in  
5 fact against the sovereign if the decree would operate against the latter.” *Id.*  
6 (citation omitted). “[A]s when the State itself is named as the defendant, a suit  
7 against state officials that is in fact a suit against a State is barred regardless of  
8 whether it seeks damages or injunctive relief.” *Id.* at 101-02 (citation omitted).  
9 And here, there is no doubt that Plaintiffs seek relief against the State, which they  
10 named directly and sought relief against. Am. & Updated Notice Ex Parte Appl.  
11 TRO 1 (contending that “the state and federal governments” have inadequately  
12 consulted with local officials and seeking to stop “the state and federal  
13 government” from allegedly “acting under the cover of darkness”).

14 While the Supreme Court recognized a limited exception to Eleventh  
15 Amendment immunity in *Ex parte Young*, 209 U.S. 123 (1908), it does not apply  
16 here. The *Ex parte Young* exception allows “actions for prospective declaratory or  
17 injunctive relief against state officers in their official capacities for their alleged  
18 violations of federal law.” *Coal. to Defend Affirmative Action*, 674 F.3d 1128,  
19 1134 (9th Cir. 2012). Again, Plaintiffs have named no officials. But regardless, this  
20 exception applies only where “it is plain that such officer must have some  
21 connection with the enforcement of the act, or else it is merely making him a party  
22 as a representative of the State, and thereby attempting to make the State a party.”  
23 *Snoeck v. Brussa*, 153 F.3d 984, 986 (9th Cir. 1998) (quoting *Ex parte Young*, 209  
24 U.S. at 157). “This connection must be fairly direct; a generalized duty to enforce  
25 state law or general supervisory power over the persons responsible for enforcing  
26 the challenged provision will not subject an official to suit.” *L.A. County Bar Ass’n*  
27 *v. Eu*, 979 F.2d 697, 704 (9th Cir. 1992) (citations omitted). If a state official  
28 “lacks the power” to address the purported violation of federal law, this indicates

1 that the plaintiff intends to use that official “as a surrogate for the state, and thereby  
2 to evade the state’s Eleventh Amendment immunity.” *L.A. Branch NAACP v. L.A.*  
3 *Unified Sch. Dist.*, 714 F.2d 946, 953 (9th Cir. 1983).

4 Here, Plaintiffs have identified no state official who has authority to remedy  
5 their fears that the Fairview facility may be insufficient to protect the Costa Mesa  
6 community. Because this is a federal quarantine, it is the federal government’s  
7 responsibility to provide security and safety precautions for housing of quarantined  
8 patients at the Fairview facility. See 42 U.S.C. § 264; 42 C.F.R. §§ 70.2, 70.14. Indeed,  
9 the State’s provision of the Fairview property for federal use was conditioned on  
10 the federal authorities providing appropriate protective equipment in patient  
11 transportation to and from Fairview, the installation of fencing around the facility,  
12 and the provision of security, all for the protection of the surrounding community.  
13 Decl. Ghaly ¶¶ 4, 12. If there were any failure of the federal government to meet  
14 these requirements—which Plaintiffs have not demonstrated and the State does not  
15 anticipate—then any remedy would be against the federal government, not the  
16 State. For these reasons, the State Defendants are entitled to Eleventh Amendment  
17 immunity, and no relief may be granted against them.

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## 19 **II. PLAINTIFFS CANNOT ESTABLISH STANDING**

20 Even if the State Defendants were proper parties, Plaintiffs could not establish  
21 standing, thereby precluding them from obtaining injunctive relief. *Townley v.*  
22 *Miller*, 722 F.3d 1128, 1133 (9th Cir. 2013). Plaintiffs cannot show that: (1) they  
23 suffered an injury in fact, meaning “an invasion of a legally protected interest that is  
24 (a) concrete and particularized, and (b) actual or imminent, not conjectural or  
25 hypothetical”; (2) there is a causal connection between the injury and the  
26 challenged conduct, “such that the injury is fairly traceable to the challenged  
27 action”; and (3) the injury will likely be redressed by a favorable decision. *Id.*

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1           Because this action is in a “very preliminary stage,” Plaintiffs “may rely on the  
2 allegations in their Complaint and whatever other evidence they submitted in  
3 support of their TRO motion to meet their burden.” *Washington v. Trump*, 847 F.3d  
4 1151, 1159 (9th Cir. 2017). Here, Plaintiffs have yet to file a complaint, so  
5 standing must be determined based on the claims in their application for injunctive  
6 relief. And the allegations in their application confirm that Plaintiffs cannot meet  
7 their burden of establishing each or any of these three elements.

8           The City does not have standing to challenge the actions of the State  
9 Defendants on due process grounds as a matter of law. The Ninth Circuit has  
10 “consistently held that political subdivisions lack standing to challenge state law,”  
11 including the administrative implementation of state law, “on constitutional  
12 grounds in federal court.” *City of San Juan Capistrano v. Cal. Pub. Utilities*  
13 *Comm’n*, 937 F.3d 1278, 1280 (9th Cir. 2019). This rule is absolute, and depends  
14 “only on the identity of the parties, not the procedural context in which those claims  
15 are raised.” *Id.* at 1281.

16           Even if *City of San Juan Capistrano* did not bar the City’s claims (it does), the  
17 city still would not be able to establish standing. The gravamen of the City’s  
18 complaint appears to be that the State, rather than it, made the decision to offer  
19 Fairview as a location to house the patients. Pls.’ Am. Notice, ECF no. 4, at 1:18-  
20 20. However, this grievance does not constitute a concrete, particularized harm,  
21 traceable to the conduct of the State Defendants and subject to redress by this court.  
22 The Fairview complex belongs to the State, not the City. (Decl. of Mark Ghaly  
23 (“Ghaly Decl.”), ¶ \_\_.) Under California’s Emergency Services Act, the State, not  
24 the City, has the absolute statutory authority to determine the proper facility for  
25 housing the patients. See Cal. Gov’t. Code, § 8570, subs. (c), (j) (West 2020)  
26 (empowering the state to “[s]e and employ any of the property, services, and  
27 resources of the state as necessary” to combat declared emergencies). Notably,  
28 declared emergencies within the scope of the Emergency Services Act include

1 “disease.” (*Id.*, § 8558, subd. (b).) In other words, because California law makes  
2 clear that it is within the purview of the State, not the City, to determine the  
3 appropriate location to house the patients, the City does not allege a violation  
4 sufficient to grant it standing to sue the State Defendants.

5 Plaintiff Foley appears to allege she has standing simply because she is a  
6 resident of Costa Mesa. Pls.’ Am. Notice, ECF no. 4, at 7:9-10. She therefore  
7 identifies no harm that distinguishes her from anyone else. Critically, a “plaintiff  
8 raising only a generally available grievance about government—claiming only  
9 harm to his and every citizen's interest in proper application of the Constitution and  
10 laws, and seeking relief that no more directly and tangibly benefits him than it does  
11 the public at large—does not state an Article III case or controversy.” *Lujan v.*  
12 *Defenders of Wildlife*, 504 U.S. 555, 573-74 (1992). Because Foley does not assert  
13 a distinct, individualized harm, she does not allege facts sufficient to establish her  
14 standing to challenge Defendants’ actions.

15 Additionally, Plaintiffs do not appear to allege that the State Defendants would  
16 likely have reached any different decision as to the appropriate housing for the  
17 patients based on further consultation with the City before deciding to house the  
18 patients at Fairview. Therefore, Plaintiffs do not allege facts sufficient to establish  
19 that a favorable decision would be “likely” to redress any injury they may have  
20 suffered. *Lujan*, 504 U.S. at 561.

21 Because Plaintiffs do not have standing, the Court lacks subject-matter  
22 jurisdiction over their claims. *See Pershing Park Villas Homeowners Ass’n v.*  
23 *United Pac. Ins. Co.*, 219 F.3d 895, 899 (9th Cir. 2000) (stating that standing is a  
24 jurisdictional issue).

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26 **III. PLAINTIFFS FAIL TO IDENTIFY A PROTECTED LIBERTY OR PROPERTY**  
27 **INTEREST TO SUPPORT THEIR PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS CLAIM**  
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1 Even if their allegations were sufficient to establish standing, Plaintiffs’  
2 procedural due process claims would fail because they do not identify a liberty or  
3 property interest threatened by the proposed use of the Fairview facility.

4 As set forth above, Fairview is owned by the State. Ghaly Decl., ¶ \_\_. The  
5 State has plenary authority over the use of its own property; in the absence of  
6 contrary state law (which is not present here), that property is not subject to local  
7 regulation or control. *See, e.g., Del Norte Disposal, Inc. v. Dep’t of Corrs.*, 26 Cal.  
8 App. 4th 1009, 1012–13 (1994). Accordingly, Plaintiffs cannot allege any property  
9 interest regarding the Fairview facility itself. Additionally, and notably, “all circuit  
10 courts and the Supreme Court bar due process claims” by political subdivisions  
11 against their states. *City of San Juan Capistrano*, 937 F.3d at 183 (R. Nelson, J.,  
12 concurring). This rule is at least 97 years old, stemming from the Supreme Court’s  
13 recognition that “[t]he power of the State, unrestrained by the contract clause or the  
14 Fourteenth Amendment, over the rights and property of cities held and used for  
15 ‘governmental purposes’ cannot be questioned.” *City of Trenton v. New Jersey*,  
16 262 U.S. 182, 188 (1923).

17 In any event, neither Foley nor the City will be able to establish that the  
18 actions of the State Defendants threaten their liberty or property interests. As set  
19 forth above, the State has plenary authority over quarantines under state law.  
20 Specifically, the Office of Emergency Services is “responsible for the state’s  
21 emergency and disaster response services for natural, technological, or manmade  
22 disasters and emergencies, including responsibility for activities necessary to  
23 prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of emergencies and  
24 disasters to people and property.” (Cal. Gov’t Code § 8585, subd. (e) (West 2020).)  
25 Emergencies include “duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of  
26 extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by  
27 conditions such as ... disease.” (*Id.* § 8558, subd. (b).) Plaintiffs cannot identify a  
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1 liberty or property right that supersedes the State’s clear authority to house the  
2 patients at the Fairview facility. To hold otherwise would effectively allow every  
3 political subdivision within the state to forbid the housing of quarantined patients,  
4 crippling the State’s ability to act in the face of a public health emergency.

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6 **IV. PLAINTIFF’S SUBSTANTIVE DUE PROCESS CLAIM IS UNLIKELY TO**  
7 **SUCCEED BECAUSE THE STATE’S DECISION TO PARTNER WITH**  
8 **FEDERAL AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH A SECURE ISOLATION FACILITY**  
9 **IS SUPPORTED BY AMPLE JUSTIFICATION**

10 “[S]tate action which ‘neither utilizes a suspect classification nor draws  
11 distinctions among individuals that implicate fundamental rights’ will violate  
12 substantive due process only if the action is ‘not rationally related to a legitimate  
13 governmental purpose.’” *Matsuda v. City and County of Honolulu*, 512 F.3d 1148,  
14 1156 (9th Cir. 2008) (quoting *Munoz v. Sullivan*, 930 F.2d 1400, 1404 (9th  
15 Cir.1991)). “The burden this places on the plaintiff is ‘extremely high.’” *Id.*  
16 (quoting *Richardson v. City and County of Honolulu*, 124 F.3d 1150, 1162 (9th Cir.  
17 1997)).

18 Because Plaintiffs have filed no complaint as yet, it is unclear what right they  
19 seek to vindicate in their substantive due process claim. But to qualify as a  
20 “fundamental right” subject to strict scrutiny, the asserted right must be “deeply  
21 rooted in this Nation’s history and tradition, and implicit in the concept of ordered  
22 liberty, such that neither liberty nor justice would exist if they were sacrificed.”  
23 *Washington v. Glucksberg*, 521 U.S. 702, 720-21 (1997) (citations omitted).  
24 Moreover, the party asserting a fundamental right must provide a “‘careful  
25 description’ of the asserted fundamental liberty interest.” *Id.* at 721.

26 Plaintiffs provide no such description in relation to the State Defendants,  
27 contending only that without an injunction, “the federal government will have  
28 violated [Plaintiffs’] substantive and procedural due process rights.” Am. &  
Updated Notice & Ex Parte Appl. TRO 8:20-22. To the extent that other

1 allegations may connect to a substantive due process claim against the state, it  
2 would presumably relate to the Plaintiffs' dissatisfaction with the level of  
3 communication about the security measures put in place. *See id.* at 1 (seeking "to  
4 ensure that all necessary steps are taken" and that the state and federal government  
5 stop allegedly "acting under the cover of darkness"). Setting aside the fact that  
6 there has been communication with local officials—even if not to their  
7 satisfaction—this articulation does not implicate the concept of ordered liberty such  
8 that neither liberty nor justice would exist if it were sacrificed; nor does it fit within  
9 the enumeration of fundamental rights already articulated by the courts.<sup>1</sup> Thus, the  
10 plaintiffs have not asserted a fundamental liberty interest. "Where a fundamental  
11 right is not implicated, as in this case, governmental action need only have a  
12 rational basis to be upheld against a substantive due process attack." *Kim v. United*  
13 *States*, 121 F.3d 1269, 1273-74 (9th Cir. 1997). Thus, plaintiffs' substantive due  
14 process challenge only requires rational basis review. And plaintiffs appear to have  
15 acknowledged that their challenge only merits rational basis review because the  
16 case that they cited, *Patel v. Penman*, 103 F.3d 868, 874 (9th Cir. 1996) applied the  
17 rational basis test.<sup>2</sup>

18 Under the rational basis test, Plaintiffs' challenge does not even meet the  
19 lower standard of raising serious questions of validity, much less establish a  
20 likelihood of prevailing on the merits. The burden to meet the arbitrary and  
21 irrational standard "is extremely high," and courts do not require that the challenged  
22 action actually advances its stated purposes, "but instead look to whether 'the  
23 governmental body could have had no legitimate reason for its decision.'"

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25 <sup>1</sup> *Glucksberg* identified fundamental rights as including the rights to marry, to  
26 have children, to direct the education and upbringing of one's children, to marital  
27 privacy, to use contraception, to bodily integrity, and to abortion. *Glucksberg*, 521  
28 U.S. at 720.

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28 <sup>2</sup> *Patel's* status as good law in this circuit is questionable. Numerous cases  
have noted it has been overruled on some grounds. *See, e.g., Easter v. CDC*, 694 F.  
Supp. 2d 1177, 1187 (S.D.Cal. 2010).

1 *Richardson*, 124 F.3d at 1162 (citation omitted). And in the context of executive  
2 actions, the rational basis test only prohibits conduct that “amount[s] to an ‘abuse of  
3 power’ lacking any ‘reasonable justification in the service of a legitimate  
4 governmental objective.’” *Lone Star Sec. & Video, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles*, 584  
5 F.3d 1232, 1236 (9th Cir. 2009). Plaintiffs cannot meet this standard.

6 California has elected to centralize control over responses to infectious  
7 diseases in the Department of Public Health. Cal. Health & Safety Code § 10125 et  
8 seq.; Decl. Dr. Mark Ghaly 1-2, ¶3. California has further provided that when the  
9 Department invokes its power to control and prevent the spread of infectious  
10 disease, local county and city officials are required to carry out the Department’s  
11 orders. *See* Cal. Gov. Code § 11158 and Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 120155,  
12 120195, 120220. Deciding to centralize authority to respond to infectious disease is  
13 the very definition of a legitimate governmental purpose.

14 Furthermore, the specific actions taken by the State Defendants are rationally  
15 related to that goal. As the Declaration of CHHS Secretary Mark Ghaly articulates,  
16 in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in China, CDPH coordinated with their  
17 federal partners on how to respond. Ghaly Decl. ¶¶ 3-4. CDPH and other state  
18 agencies issued several rounds of guidance on COVID-19 to both healthcare  
19 facilities and other entities (like schools and child care facilities) that might need to  
20 deal with any outbreak. *Id.* at ¶ 4.

21 Beginning on or about February 17, 2020, the repatriation of United States  
22 citizens infected with COVID-19, and the federal government’s subsequent  
23 decision that infected patients could no longer be treated at Travis Air Force Base,  
24 forced California to confront the question of how to accommodate the needs of  
25 California residents who had been infected, while protecting the public. Ghaly  
26 Decl. ¶¶ 5-7. Because of the age and fragile state of the infected California  
27 residents, the State Defendants chose not to have its residents sent to Alabama but  
28 instead worked to locate suitable state-owned facilities in which to treat and

1 quarantine those residents within California. *Id.* at ¶ 8. That decision was both  
2 entirely legitimate and amply supported by reasonable justification.

3 The State Defendants chose to execute that decision by: (1) assessing various  
4 state-owned facilities to determine which was most suitable; (2) partnering with the  
5 federal government, which would transport the affected patients to Fairview, secure  
6 Fairview, and provide isolation for the affected patients; and (3) coordinating the  
7 transfer with certain local officials, including the Orange County Health Officer.  
8 Ghaly Decl. ¶¶ 9-13.

9 The State Defendants' choice of how to treat California residents infected with  
10 COVID-19 is both legitimate and supported by ample justification. The State  
11 Defendants elected to use Fairview because it determined that allowing CDC to  
12 have Californians who test positive for COVID-19 complete their isolation at  
13 Fairview would be to the benefit of public health. Ghaly Decl. ¶ 14. The State  
14 Defendants used their experience and knowledge in infectious diseases, together  
15 with important conditions placed on use of Fairview from the federal government to  
16 ensure safety and public health, to conclude that the potential risk of transmission to  
17 the community in Costa Mesa from housing COVID-19 patients at Fairview is  
18 negligible as compared to the serious potential public health consequences of  
19 quarantining and treating such patients in hospitals or hotels near Travis, , which  
20 could in fact have cascading impacts that would detrimentally affect public health  
21 in Costa Mesa among other California communities. *Id.* And the State Defendants  
22 have backed that decision up with medical evidence. *Id.* at ¶¶ 15-18.].

23 The rational basis test limits the scope of this Court's review to identifying the  
24 legitimate governmental interest in treating California residents who have  
25 contracted COVID-19 and noting that the means selected by the State Defendants is  
26 rationally related to that goal. But even if the Court were to go deeper and examine  
27 whether the selection of Fairview and decision to quarantine and treat the COVID-  
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1 19 patients there was an exercise of reasonable judgment,<sup>3</sup> the evidence  
2 demonstrates that the State Defendants’ decision was grounded in sound medical  
3 judgment that the State Defendants have the discretion to make.

4 Moreover, to the extent that the plaintiffs are asserting that their rights were  
5 violated because the State Defendants did not contemporaneously reveal their  
6 decision making process, Ninth Circuit case law establishes that any such failure  
7 does not support a due process violation: “[t]he government need not state its  
8 purposes at the time it acts. It is sufficient that the government could have had a  
9 legitimate reason for acting as it did.” *Kim*, 121 F.3d at 1274.

10 Accordingly, plaintiffs’ substantive due process claim fails entirely. Plaintiffs  
11 cannot establish a likelihood of success on the merits or even a substantial question  
12 of validity.

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14 **V. PLAINTIFFS FAIL TO PROVIDE COMPELLING REASONS TO PREVENT THE**  
15 **HOUSING OF CALIFORNIANS UNDER FEDERAL QUARANTINE AT**  
16 **FAIRVIEW**

17 States must be free to respond to public health crises swiftly and decisively, as  
18 historically they have been throughout the history of our republic. This need for  
19 swift and decisive action cannot accommodate local vetoes over the operations of  
20 state government; even the possibility of a local veto would threaten to paralyze the  
21 public-health response. Here, Plaintiffs cannot meet their heavy burden to justify a  
22 temporary restraining order : if Plaintiffs had otherwise met their burden to show a  
23 likelihood of success on the merits (which they have not), the public interest and the  
24 balance of the equities favor the State.

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27 <sup>3</sup> Again, rational basis review does not permit this Court to determine  
28 whether the State Defendants actually advanced their stated purposes, but instead  
this Court should only look to whether “the governmental body could have had no  
legitimate reason for its decision.” *Richardson*, 124 F.3d at 1162.

1           The Department of Public Health (Department) is the state agency expressly  
2 authorized under California law to protect California from infectious diseases and  
3 to ensure that individuals who have an infectious disease receive appropriate  
4 medical attention. Decl. Ghaly 1-2, ¶ 3. Under California’s Communicable  
5 Disease Prevention and Control Act, the Department is the state agency expressly  
6 authorized under California law to “establish and maintain places of quarantine or  
7 isolation.” Cal. Health & Safety Code § 120135. Likewise, the Department is the  
8 state agency tasked by statute to “take measures as are necessary to ascertain the  
9 nature of the disease and prevent its spread,” including taking “possession or  
10 control of the body of any living person.” *Id.* § 120140.

11           When the Department acts under its statutory capacity to control and prevent  
12 the spread of infectious disease, local county and city officials are subservient to  
13 and must carry out the orders of the Department. See Cal. Gov. Code § 11158 and  
14 Cal. Health & Safety Code § 120155. “Each health officer shall enforce all orders,  
15 rules, and regulations concerning quarantine or isolation prescribed or directed by  
16 the department.” *Id.* § 120195. This includes the Department’s decision to  
17 establish places of quarantine. “Each health officer, whenever required by the  
18 department, *shall establish and maintain places of quarantine or isolation that shall*  
19 *be subject to the special directions of the department.*” *Id.* § 120200 (emphasis  
20 added); *see also id.* § 120210, subd. (a). “When quarantine or isolation, either strict  
21 or modified, is established by a health officer, all persons shall obey his or her  
22 rules, orders, and regulations.” *Id.* § 120220.

23           This statutory scheme recognizes the need for swift and nimble state authority.  
24 If necessary, local officials could even be required under state law to comply with  
25 the quarantine directives of the Department. To allow the possibility of a local veto  
26 — and to delay the state’s response to this public-health crisis while that potential  
27 local veto is litigated—would fly in the face of the compelling need for a  
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1 centralized state authority to control and manage communicable disease outbreaks  
2 in an expeditious manner for the benefit of all Californians.

3 Here, there are California residents under federal quarantine who have  
4 completed hospital treatment and may not be returned to Travis Air Force Base for  
5 the remainder of their quarantine. Many are over the age of 65 with chronic health  
6 conditions unrelated to the COVID-19 virus. See Decl. Ghaly 2-3, ¶¶ 4-8. But for  
7 the availability of the Fairview facility, overseen by federal authorities, those  
8 California residents face relocation to the Federal Emergency Management Agency  
9 Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama, and cross-country transfer  
10 to that location would be highly detrimental to their overall health and recovery, as  
11 compared to maintaining isolation at a suitable location in California. *Id.* at 3 [¶8].  
12 The Department properly assessed multiple alternative quarantine sites and  
13 determined that Fairview Developmental Center (Fairview) in Orange County was  
14 the best and most feasible location meeting federal standards, where California  
15 residents who test positive for COVID-19 could complete their federal quarantine,  
16 and where the USHHS would meet certain conditions—including proper security  
17 and preventive measures to protect the Costa Mesa community. *Id.* at 4, ¶¶ 9-12.

18 The conditions imposed by the Department for the use of Fairview as a  
19 temporary quarantine facility negate Plaintiffs' speculative fears that the  
20 neighboring community might come into contact with any individuals who may be  
21 housed there. Those conditions include the use of appropriate protective equipment  
22 in patient transportation to and from Fairview, the installation of fencing around the  
23 facility, and the provision of security, all for the protection of the surrounding  
24 community. *Id.* at 4, ¶ 12. In addition, the location itself provides a protective zone  
25 because Fairview is surrounded on three sides by a golf course. With this buffer  
26 zone, the fencing, and security measures that the federal authorities must implement  
27 and maintain, it is highly unlikely that nearby residents will inadvertently wander  
28 onto the Fairview premises and come in sufficiently close proximity to quarantined



1 individuals to present even a minimal of risk of contracting the disease. *See* ECF  
2 17, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention How COVID 19 Spreads [“between  
3 people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet)”].

4 Critically, California’s public health focus recognizes that a major domestic  
5 outbreak of a highly contagious disease could follow from failure to ensure  
6 effective isolation and observation. Ghaly Decl. paragraph 7. The alternatives to  
7 use of the Fairview site – either (1) subjecting Californians to serious health risk by  
8 transfer to out of state while in vulnerable health or (2) hospitalizing affected  
9 persons, thereby increasing exposure risk to others including hospital employees  
10 and at-risk patients who could transmit the disease further and exponentially  
11 increase the public health risk in the state – are simply not viable from either public  
12 health or humanitarian perspectives. *Id.* at paragraphs 20, 22. The City’s position  
13 in this litigation is that it should risk its own residents’ health as well as that of all  
14 other Californians because it does not or does not want to understand the significant  
15 public health safeguards in place for use of Fairview and the exponentially higher  
16 safety protection that follows from its use.

17 Maintaining the temporary restraining order or the imposition of any  
18 preliminary injunction would thwart the Department’s statutory power and  
19 obligation to provide for federal authorities places of quarantine for state residents  
20 and to respond to the current healthcare crisis. It exposes those in quarantine to  
21 severe health risks if the Department is impeded from identifying the most  
22 appropriate place where federal authorities can care for those in quarantine. The  
23 Court should deny the City’s request to constrain the Department’s ability to  
24 quickly and nimbly respond to quarantine needs, for the health and protection of all  
25 Californians. Plaintiffs’ request is based on mere conjecture of risk, and the harm  
26 to California and the Department clearly outweighs the plaintiff’s speculative fear.

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1 **VI. CALIFORNIA’S SPECIFIC LAWS PERMITTING THE PATIENTS TO BE**  
2 **QUARANTINED DEFEAT PLAINTIFFS’ NUISANCE CLAIMS**

3 Plaintiffs’ recently asserted state nuisance claim against the State Defendants  
4 also fails to support their claim for injunctive relief. Even if Plaintiffs had  
5 otherwise met their burden to produce evidence establishing a likelihood of success  
6 on their nuisance claim (which they have not), as a factual matter that claim would  
7 fail as a matter of law.

8 Under California law, “[n]othing which is done or maintained under the  
9 express authority of a statute can be deemed a nuisance.” Cal. Civil Code § 3482  
10 (West 2020). This express rule defeats Plaintiffs’ claim that the State Defendants’  
11 actions would constitute a nuisance. Specifically, California’s Communicable  
12 Disease Prevention and Control Act expressly vests the Department of Public  
13 Health with authority to “establish and maintain places of quarantine or isolation.”  
14 Cal. Health & Safety Code § 120135. Under that authority, the Department may  
15 “take measures as are necessary to ascertain the nature of the disease and prevent its  
16 spread,” including taking “possession or control of the body of any living person.”  
17 *Id.* § 120140. Further, “each health officer, whenever required by the department,  
18 shall establish and maintain places of quarantine or isolation that shall be subject to  
19 the special directions of the department.” *Id.* § 120200 (emphasis added); *see also*  
20 *id.* § 120210(a). Thus, California law expressly vests the State with the power to  
21 order that the patients be housed at Fairview. Because quarantine sites are the  
22 chosen form to abate a public health care crisis caused by communicable diseases,  
23 they cannot be a nuisance, as a matter of law. *See Avedon v. State of California*,  
24 186 Cal. App. 4th 1336, 1345 (2010) (holding that operation of park by the state  
25 Department of Parks and Recreation, fell squarely within its statutory authority  
26 such that state had statutory immunity from nuisance action by owners of homes  
27 destroyed by wildfire that began as a bonfire at state park)  
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SOUTHERN DIVISION

**CITY OF COSTA MESA, et al.,**  
Plaintiffs,  
v.  
**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et  
al.,**  
Defendants.

Case No. 8:20-cv-00368-JLS (JDE)  
**DECLARATION OF DR.  
MARK GHALY IN SUPPORT  
OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION  
TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION  
FOR TEMPORARY  
RESTRAINING ORDER AND  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

1 I, Mark Ghaly, declare:

2 1. I am a resident of the State of California. I am over the age of 18 and  
3 have personal knowledge of all the facts stated herein. If called as a witness, I could  
4 and would testify competently to all the matters set forth below.

5 2. I am the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services  
6 Agency (CHHS). I was appointed Secretary of CHHS by Governor Gavin Newsom  
7 in April 2019. I am a Secretary in Governor Newsom's cabinet. My duties as  
8 Secretary of CHHS include supervising CHHS departments and offices in  
9 administering and overseeing state programs for health care and social services. I  
10 am also a pediatrician by training, and I have earned a Master's degree in Public  
11 Health.

12 3. CHHS departments have been instrumental in addressing the outbreak  
13 of the novel coronavirus thought to have originated in Wuhan City within the Hubei  
14 Province of China. The virus is now known as COVID-19. In particular, the  
15 California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) Center for Infectious Diseases is  
16 responsible for protecting Californians from infectious diseases and ensuring that  
17 individuals who have an infectious disease receive appropriate supportive care and  
18 that the health and well-being of the general public are protected. Since the  
19 COVID-19 outbreak began, CHHS and CDPH have kept in close contact with  
20 federal officials at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USHHS)  
21 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as county public  
22 health officials in California. In particular, CHHS and CDPH have kept in close  
23 contact with federal and county health officials as United States citizens have been  
24 repatriated from China, and the shores of Japan, to California.

25 4. Since January 29, 2020, the federal government has repatriated over  
26 800 individuals from China and Japan to California because of the COVID-19  
27 outbreak. In response, CHHS, along with CDPH and the Governor's Office of  
28 Emergency Services (CalOES), established the Medical and Health Coordination

1 Center (MHCC) to coordinate activities among local, state, and federal  
2 governments. The MHCC has hosted regular conference calls with local health  
3 departments and health care providers to ensure they were kept abreast of updated  
4 information as it became available from the federal government. CDPH issued an  
5 All Facilities Letter (AFL) on January 23, 2020 to licensed health care facilities to  
6 provide information on COVID-19 including infection control guidance, criteria for  
7 evaluation of Patients Under Investigation (PUIs), and recommendations for  
8 reporting, specimen collection, and testing. Subsequently, CDPH issued AFLs on  
9 January 31, 2020, February 10, 2020, and February 19, 2020 to ensure all licensed  
10 health care facilities have the appropriate resources and protocols.<sup>1</sup> Additionally,  
11 the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), issued interim  
12 guidance to local emergency services agencies on the status, screening, transport,  
13 and infection control including specific personal protective equipment (PPE)  
14 requirements for handling of patients with COVID-19. Finally, on February 7,  
15 2020, CDPH issued guidance to schools, school districts, universities and colleges;  
16 and on February 11, 2020 to child care facilities.

17 5. To protect the health of travelers returning to California, and to protect  
18 public health in California communities, CHHS and CDPH have supported federal  
19 operations in the following ways: providing guidance and communication to local  
20 health officials on screening and monitoring of returned travelers from commercial  
21 flights, through the Los Angeles International Airport and San Francisco  
22 International Airport, assisting local health officials in identifying and testing  
23 suspected cases of COVID-19 in returned travelers, and collaborating with local  
24 health officials in jurisdictions where military installations have received  
25 repatriation flights. Additionally, CHHS and CDPH are actively collaborating  
26 across state and local sectors to ensure California's public health and healthcare

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28 <sup>1</sup> These AFLs are available at this link:  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/LNCAFL20.aspx>

1 delivery systems are prepared for additional cases of COVID-19, including a  
2 potential pandemic. These activities include surveillance, laboratory testing,  
3 monitoring for community spread, infection prevention guidance, healthcare facility  
4 readiness, and capacity for airborne isolation of potential cases.

5 6. On February 17, 2020, the federal government repatriated United  
6 States citizens who had previously been passengers on the Diamond Princess cruise  
7 ship in Yokohama, Japan. Repatriated individuals are quarantined under the federal  
8 government's authority to quarantine individuals entering the United States from  
9 abroad when there is reason to believe they have been exposed to an infectious  
10 disease. As part of the broader repatriation missions due to this global outbreak,  
11 CDC instituted federal quarantine orders—the first federal quarantine in nearly  
12 sixty years—because of serious public health concerns.

13 7. Individuals coming from the cruise ship had significant exposure to  
14 other individuals who tested positive for COVID-19. Allowing individuals who  
15 may have been exposed to COVID-19 to return to their communities without any  
16 isolation and observation would be substantially likely to lead to a major domestic  
17 outbreak of a highly contagious disease. Given this public health risk, it is of  
18 paramount importance that state and federal public health officials work together to  
19 ensure that individuals who have been exposed to and test positive for COVID-19  
20 be subject to isolation and observation in an environment suitable for that purpose,  
21 and that otherwise meets state and federal health officials' operational needs.

22 8. Some of the United States citizen passengers were returned to Travis  
23 Air Force Base (Travis), in Fairfield, Solano County, California, for quarantine,  
24 testing, and observation. Other passengers were returned to Lackland Air Force  
25 Base in Austin, Texas.

26 9. On or about February 18, 2020, USHHS informed CHHS that the U.S.  
27 Department of Defense (DoD) would not allow repatriated individuals who have  
28 tested positive or are symptomatic for COVID-19 to remain on military

1 installations for isolation and supportive care. Based on what is known so far about  
2 COVID-19, it may take up to 30 days for an infected individual to no longer be  
3 contagious to others. This means those who test positive may need to be isolated  
4 from others for approximately a month or until they have two negative tests with  
5 one day apart.

6 10. USHHS further informed CHHS that individuals quarantined at Travis  
7 who test positive for COVID-19 and can be discharged from a healthcare facility  
8 because their symptoms do not warrant hospitalization would be relocated to the  
9 Federal Emergency Management Agency Center for Domestic Preparedness in  
10 Anniston, Alabama. Because so many of the repatriated individuals are over age 65  
11 and have multiple chronic health conditions, CHHS was and is concerned about the  
12 health risks of forcing these California residents to relocate from California to  
13 Alabama for the duration of their isolation period. These individuals had already  
14 suffered greatly by being quarantined on a cruise ship for weeks, during a major  
15 outbreak of a novel disease, and then hurriedly repatriated to the United States.  
16 CHHS determined that it would be disruptive to their physical and mental health if  
17 they were transferred to Alabama. Additionally, approximately seventy of the  
18 individuals repatriated to Travis from the Diamond Princess ship are California  
19 residents, and it would be easier for them to travel back to their homes in California  
20 after completing their isolation if they remain in state.

21 11. To maintain observation and isolation of these individuals while also  
22 mitigating further risks to their health, CHHS began assessing state-owned and  
23 operated facilities within California where individuals who test positive for  
24 COVID-19 could be housed until they are no longer capable of transmitting  
25 COVID-19 to other people.

26 12. CHHS considered several facilities around the state, including Sonoma  
27 Developmental Center, Army National Guard Camp Roberts, and closed youth  
28 correctional facilities. Any facility selected needed to meet the very strict CDC



1 sheltering criteria, which includes individual rooms and bathrooms for reach  
2 patient. It also needed to be consistent with other operational constraints, such as  
3 not being a military installation operated by the U.S. Department of Defense.

4 13. After deliberation, on February 20, 2020, by means of an email  
5 communication from CHHS Deputy Secretary Marko Mijic to Deputy Assistant  
6 Secretary Jonathan Greene of USHHS, CHHS informed USHHS that it would offer  
7 Fairview Developmental Center (Fairview) in Orange County for the federal  
8 government's use as a location where California residents who test positive for  
9 COVID-19 but do not require hospitalization could remain in isolation until CDC  
10 determines they may return home, if USHHS met certain conditions. A true and  
11 accurate copy of this email is attached as Exhibit A.

12 14. Fairview is a state developmental center where, until recently, the  
13 California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) provided residential and  
14 community-based services and support to individuals with developmental  
15 disabilities in accordance with the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services  
16 Act (Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code §§ 4500 et seq.). DDS has begun shifting away from  
17 providing these types of services and support in institutional settings and towards  
18 providing services in the community. In line with this new approach, Fairview is  
19 closing, with the last patient moving out, after months of preparation and planning,  
20 on Monday, February 24, 2020.

21 15. Because the individuals repatriated from the Diamond Princess are  
22 subject to a federal quarantine order, issued pursuant to federal law, the federal  
23 government has ultimate authority over the conditions in which they are housed.  
24 CDC is responsible for enforcing federal quarantine orders.

25 16. In addition to requirements imposed and enforced by the federal  
26 government in its quarantine order, CHHS imposed additional conditions on the  
27 federal government's use of Fairview for isolation and care of Californians testing  
28 positive for COVID-19. Among these conditions were that USHHS would transfer

1 qualifying patients to Fairview via air or ground ambulance with appropriate  
2 protective equipment; that, once the patients arrive at Fairview, USHHS would be  
3 responsible for security to protect the surrounding community, all medical care not  
4 requiring hospitalization, any wrap-around services, feeding, cleaning and  
5 sanitation, and case management and logistics for departure; and that any patients  
6 requiring hospitalization would be transported via air or ground ambulance to a  
7 local facility able to care for them in Orange County or surrounding areas.

8 17. Consistent with their statutory mandates, CHHS and CDPH value  
9 input from and engagement with their local partners. Prior to CHHS's offer to  
10 USHHS to allow California residents at Travis who have tested positive for  
11 COVID-19 remain isolated at Fairview, on February 20, 2020, state officials  
12 engaged with local partners to discuss that possibility. In particular, California  
13 Department of Social Services Director Kim Johnson reached out to her counterpart  
14 at the Orange County Social Services Agency. CDPH Director and State Public  
15 Health Officer Dr. Sonia Angell reached out to the Orange County Health Officer.  
16 And CalOES staff reached out to the Orange County and City of Costa Mesa  
17 Emergency Managers, Orange County Fire Chief, and Orange County Sheriff.

18 18. CHHS offered Fairview to USHHS because CHHS determined that  
19 allowing CDC to have Californians who test positive for COVID-19 complete their  
20 isolation at Fairview would be the best means to safeguard public health in  
21 California. Fairview is the only appropriate and suitable state-owned site identified  
22 to date in the state for this purpose.

23 19. From our experience so far managing COVID-19 cases, there is no  
24 clinical indication that the health of the community in Costa Mesa would be  
25 jeopardized by housing COVID-19 patients at Fairview. Rather, the potential risk  
26 of transmission to the community in Costa Mesa from housing COVID-19 patients  
27 at Fairview is negligible. Fairview will be empty of other patients as of February  
28 24, 2020. CHHS believes that Fairview meets CDC's stringent sheltering criteria.

1 USHHS will transport individuals from Travis to Fairview in a secure way, using  
2 CDC-approved personal protective equipment, and do so without making stops in  
3 any California community between the points of Travis and Fairview. Furthermore,  
4 Fairview is secure, and patients housed there would be restricted from interacting  
5 with the surrounding community.

6 20. On the other hand, not housing COVID-19 patients at Fairview would  
7 pose substantial public health risks. If the U.S. Department of Defense expelled or  
8 did not readmit individuals who had tested positive for COVID-19 from Travis, and  
9 if those individuals were not transported to Fairview or another suitable state-  
10 owned site (which, to date, has not been identified in the state), local authorities in  
11 Solano County and the surrounding counties would be compelled to arrange for  
12 their isolation, and to otherwise prevent further spread of COVID-19. Based on  
13 CHHS's and CDPH's conversations with county partners, I believe that some of  
14 these patients would be hospitalized unnecessarily.

15 21. Hospitalizing COVID-19 patients who do not need hospitalization  
16 creates unnecessary additional risk of exposure and infection for hospital healthcare  
17 workers and other hospitalized patients. Hospital-based transmission of COVID-19  
18 from individuals who test positive but do not require hospitalization to other  
19 patients who are hospitalized for acute, life-threatening conditions, creates an  
20 avoidable public health risk for California. Hospital isolation rooms need to be used  
21 for those truly needing them; keeping those rooms open and available protects the  
22 community and preserves access. It is vitally important that we maintain access to  
23 critical care during flu season. If we were to hospitalize every patient with COVID-  
24 19, we could run the risk of overcrowding our hospitals, interfering with other  
25 patients who need care, and overusing needed supplies that will contribute further  
26 to shortages. This would be particularly true if all of the California residents who  
27 test positive for COVID-19 were to be hospitalized unnecessarily in the area of  
28 Travis, overwhelming and paralyzing the healthcare delivery system of Solano

1 County, and thereby putting the whole community at risk. Supporting and  
2 collaborating with our local partners in containing infectious diseases is a primary  
3 concern for CHHS, and it is critical for us to ensure that they have the tools they  
4 need to address the COVID-19 outbreak appropriately.

5 22. Based on conversations with federal partners at the CDC, I understand  
6 that the federal government is considering the public health factors related to home  
7 isolation. While sometimes appropriate or necessary, home isolation is not an ideal  
8 solution for all persons testing positive for COVID-19, as some individuals who  
9 may need to be isolated have other vulnerable individuals in the home (such as  
10 small children, pregnant women, or individuals with weakened immune systems) or  
11 live in group facilities with communal spaces (such as retirement communities),  
12 making home isolation a non-viable option for them. Transporting non-hospitalized  
13 individuals at Travis who test positive for COVID-19 to Fairview would help ease  
14 the strain on the healthcare delivery system around Travis and allow these  
15 individuals to complete their isolation in a setting where it is less likely that  
16 additional transmission will take place.

17 23. If these individuals are not transported to Fairview or another  
18 appropriate facility in the state to fulfill their isolation, communities around the  
19 state could face similar public health concerns as Solano County. Once hospitals  
20 around Travis reach capacity, the two options for fulfilling the remaining isolation  
21 term would be for individuals who test positive to be sent to home isolation or to  
22 hospitals in other counties. To the extent that the individuals need to be hospitalized  
23 in other counties, those counties also would face strains on their healthcare delivery  
24 systems, potentially leading to a shortage of hospital beds around the state.  
25 Moreover, as stated above, hospitalizing COVID-19 patients who do not need  
26 hospitalization carries a risk of additional exposure and infection to hospital  
27 healthcare workers and other hospitalized patients, unnecessarily increasing the risk  
28 of the further spread of the infection.

1           24. The remaining alternative available to CHHS also presents very  
2 serious risks. If the patients from Travis are not housed at Fairview, and if they are  
3 not subject to local quarantine in hospitals in Solano County and neighboring  
4 counties, the remaining alternative that has been presented to CHHS is that these  
5 patients will be transported to Alabama. Requiring these patients—primarily elderly  
6 Californians who are positive for COVID-19, and who also in many cases suffer  
7 from serious underlying chronic conditions—to travel to Alabama, after having  
8 been quarantined for several weeks on a cruise ship offshore and evacuated halfway  
9 across the world, could cause serious harm to their physical and mental health. It  
10 would also threaten significant disruption to their recovery.

11           25. For all these reasons, as a physician, a public health professional, and  
12 Secretary of CHHS, I believe that housing these patients at Fairview is the best way  
13 to safeguard their health and the health of other Californians.

14           I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the  
15 State of California that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my  
16 knowledge.

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Executed on February 23, 2020 in South Pasadena, California.



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**To:** [Ravel, Gabriel \(CHHS\)](mailto:Ravel, Gabriel (CHHS))  
**Subject:** Fwd: CA Alternative Option  
**Date:** Saturday, February 22, 2020 9:36:37 AM

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See below.

-Marko

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Mijic, Marko@CHHS" <Marko.Mijic@chhs.ca.gov>  
**Date:** February 21, 2020 at 6:36:00 AM PST  
**To:** "Greene, Jonathan (OS/ASPR/EMMO)" <Jonathan.Greene@hhs.gov>  
**Subject:** CA Alternative Option

Jonathan,

Per our conversation, below is a alternative. In summary, we would propose to move those individuals who are California residents, and who test positive, to Fairview Developmental Center in Orange County to complete the remainder of their federal quarantine order. This way these individuals don't have to be transported all the way to Alabama. Details below.

Fairview Developmental Center is located at 2501 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. I can have folks meet your logistics point of contact there this morning or later today.

Best,  
Marko

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#### **Protocol for Symptomatic Persons**

While at Travis Air Force Base, under a federal quarantine order, HHS medical staff will evaluate and provide medical care. If an individual presents with Novel Coronavirus symptoms the following protocol would be implemented.

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Individual would be transported by local ambulance provider to a nearby health care facility where they would be evaluated and tested for Novel Coronavirus.
  
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->If test is positive, the person would be provided supportive care. They would not return to Travis Air Force Base, instead they would be transferred either to Fairview Developmental Center (California residents) or

Alabama (non-California residents).

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->If test is negative, the person would be discharged and sent back via ambulance to Travis Air Force Base to finish out the remainder of their quarantine order.

### **Sheltering for Confirmed Positive Persons**

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Those individuals who test positive, once they have been provided supportive care and are able to be discharged:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Federal HHS would transport any individual tested positive, who is a California resident, and once provided supportive care and stabilized, to Fairview Developmental Center via air ambulance.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Non-California residents would be transferred by federal HHS to Alabama.

### **Fairview Developmental Center Operational Logistics**

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Planning assumption that we would expect 30-50 individuals.

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<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Need support from Federal HHS on the following:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Security and potential fencing

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Onsite medical care including primary care, mental health, and supportive care

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Wrap-around Services

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Feeding

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Cleaning and sanitation

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Case management and logistics for departure

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Individuals who would require hospitalization would be transported via ambulance to a local health care facility in Orange County.



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**CITY OF COSTA MESA, et al.,**  
Plaintiffs,  
v.  
**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et  
al.,**  
Defendants.

Case No. 8:20-cv-00368-JLS (JDE)  
**DECLARATION OF ERIC  
LAMOUREUX IN SUPPORT  
OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION  
TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION  
FOR TEMPORARY  
RESTRAINING ORDER AND  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

1 I, Eric Lamoureux, declare:

2 1. I am a resident of the State of California. I am over the age of 18 and  
3 have personal knowledge of all the facts stated herein. If called as a witness, I could  
4 and would testify competently to all the matters set forth below.

5 2. I am the Acting Deputy Director of Response Operations for the  
6 California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). I have been  
7 serving in this capacity since November 2017. My duties as Acting Deputy Director  
8 of Response Operations include overseeing the State Warning Center, State  
9 Operations Center, Cal OES Law Enforcement and Fire and Rescue Branches, Cal  
10 OES Regional Operations, and overall Response Operations, which includes  
11 coordinating with federal, state, and local partners in advance of and response to  
12 emergencies throughout California, and tasking state agencies for the same.

13 3. Cal OES operates under the authority of the California Emergency  
14 Services Act (Government Code section 8550, et seq.). Pursuant to the Emergency  
15 Services Act, Cal OES is responsible for the state's emergency and disaster  
16 response services for natural, technological, or manmade disasters and emergencies,  
17 including responsibility for activities necessary to prevent, respond to, recover  
18 from, and mitigate the effects of emergencies and disasters to people and property.

19 4. Additionally, Cal OES serves in a coordination role with respect to the  
20 functions of other state agencies and departments as they relate to an emergency,  
21 both in advance of and subsequent to that emergency.

22 5. In my role as Acting Deputy Director of Response Operations, I  
23 oversee these coordination and response activities.

24 6. With respect to the novel coronavirus that emerged as a global health  
25 risk in early 2020, COVID-19, Cal OES serves in a support role to the California  
26 Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) in its response to contain COVID-19  
27 statewide. This has included assisting CHHS in managing operational demands  
28 associated with the federally-imposed quarantine of individuals who have arrived in

1 California through the federal government’s two ports of entry for travelers from  
2 China, as well as those individuals who have arrived through the federal  
3 government’s repatriation efforts.

4 7. Cal OES has coordinated the mobilization of state resources to support  
5 CHHS’ efforts to manage the impacts of quarantined populations spread across  
6 California at Federal military bases. This includes Cal OES facilitating a multi-  
7 agency coordination effort to identify state-owned facilities that could augment  
8 federal efforts to quarantine both symptomatic and asymptomatic populations. To  
9 accomplish this, Cal OES tasked the Department of General Services (DGS) to  
10 conduct property inventory surveys; tasked the California National Guard (CNG) to  
11 identify CNG facilities for potential use (which included Camp Roberts); led  
12 assessment teams of Cal OES logisticians and California Department of Social  
13 Services staff in assessing state facilities to determine if the facilities would satisfy  
14 the clinical requirements for quarantine; and most recently tasked DGS to conduct  
15 cleaning services at the Fairview Developmental Center site, while the State  
16 awaited the federal government’s final decision regarding whether the Fairview  
17 facility would be utilized to house travelers requiring quarantine. Cal OES has  
18 tasked DGS to establish transportation contracts to safely move travelers from  
19 federal points of entry to quarantine sites statewide. Cal OES has delivered  
20 thousands of N95 masks from State stockpiles to local government agencies that  
21 have been supporting federal quarantine efforts.

22 8. Cal OES also coordinated between its Law Enforcement Branch and  
23 the United States Marshall Service to ensure for proper security at relevant sites,  
24 including state facilities that have been considered as potential quarantine sites.

25 9. Cal OES’ efforts have been taking place ever since the first  
26 repatriation flight of United States Citizens arrived in California in late January  
27 2020. That coordination effort initially included working with San Bernardino  
28 County to standup a congregate quarantine site at Ontario Airport, which the Center

1 for Disease Control determined would not meet the clinical requirements for  
2 quarantine.

3 10. In addition to tasking or coordinating with other California state  
4 agencies to support CHHS operations, Cal OES has provided a critical information  
5 and coordination link to local emergency managers in counties where the federal  
6 government was quarantining at military installations, including Riverside, San  
7 Diego, and Solano counties, and with local emergency managers and public safety  
8 officials in counties where travelers from China were arriving (i.e. Los Angeles for  
9 Los Angeles International Airport and San Mateo and San Francisco for San  
10 Francisco International Airport).

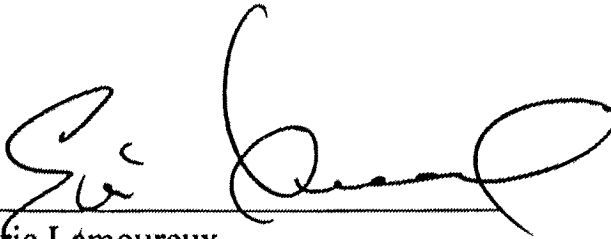
11 11. With regard to the use of State facilities, Cal OES has facilitated  
12 communications prior to any operations taking place with local government  
13 officials in the jurisdiction where those facilities were identified. This included  
14 communications with San Luis Obispo County and Monterey County when Camp  
15 Roberts was being considered as a potential quarantine site; with Los Angeles, San  
16 Mateo, and San Francisco counties, where travelers were arriving through Los  
17 Angeles and San Francisco international airports; and most recently with Orange  
18 County and the City of Costa Mesa, after the Fairview facility had been identified  
19 as a potentially viable quarantine location, but prior to the federal government  
20 making a full assessment to determine if it would appropriately support the  
21 operational demands associated with the federal government's potential use of the  
22 site to maintain a federally-imposed quarantine.

23 12. On Thursday night, February 20, 2020, I held a conference call with  
24 emergency managers from both Orange County and the City of Costa Mesa  
25 regarding the potential use of the Fairview facility

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1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the  
2 State of California that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my  
3 knowledge.

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**DECLARATION OF DANIEL  
 C. KIM IN SUPPORT OF  
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
 DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION  
 TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION  
 FOR TEMPORARY  
 RESTRAINING ORDER AND  
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

1 I, Daniel C. Kim, declare:

2 1. I am a resident of the State of California. I am over the age of 18 and  
3 have personal knowledge of all the facts stated herein. If called as a witness, I could  
4 and would testify competently to all the matters set forth below.

5 2. I am the Director of the California Department of General Services  
6 (DGS). I have been serving in this capacity since June 2015. As Director, I serve  
7 as the state's business operations manager, and my duties include overseeing all  
8 divisions and offices within DGS, including the Real Estate Services Division,  
9 Procurement Division, Facilities Management Division, Division of the State  
10 Architect Office of Administrative Hearings, Interagency Support Division, and  
11 Administrative Division.

12 3. Among the several functions under DGS's authority, DGS provides a  
13 wide array of real estate services to state agencies, including management of all  
14 state-owned and leased facilities. DGS maintains an inventory of these properties  
15 and leases in the Statewide Property Inventory.

16 4. Pursuant to its authority under the California Emergency Act, the  
17 California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES) tasked DGS to  
18 perform certain activities with respect to the Novell Coronavirus that emerged as a  
19 global health risk in 2020, COVID (2019). CAL OES tasked DGS to conduct  
20 property inventory surveys to identify underutilized state properties for potential  
21 use as quarantine locations. DGS identified the Fairview Developmental Center as  
22 a potential site as a quarantine location.

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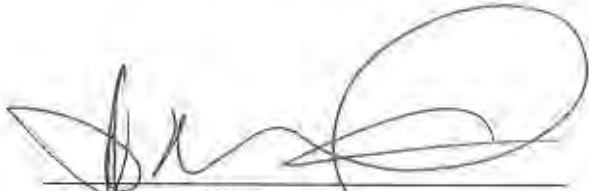
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1           5.       In addition, on February 21, 2020, DGS received a task from CAL  
2 OES to clean two residence halls at the Center in the event they would need to be  
3 occupied. This cleaning included minor maintenance and repairs and was largely  
4 completed on February 22, 2020.

5           I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the  
6 State of California that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my  
7 knowledge.

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# **EXHIBIT 6**

# COVID-19 Preparedness

## April 13, 2020 update:

Please see today's update on CDCR and CCHCS COVID-19 preparedness and response.

- *As of April 13, 2020, there are 55 incarcerated persons who have tested positive for COVID-19. See the CDCR and CCHCS Patient Testing Tracker (<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/population-status-tracking/>) for the latest testing and case information for the incarcerated population.*
- *There are currently 78 CDCR/CCHCS employees who have tested positive for COVID-19. See the CDCR/CCHCS COVID-19 Employee Status webpage (<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/cdcr-cchcs-covid-19-status/>) for a breakdown by location.*
- *Since March 25, CDCR has reduced its state prison population by 6,758 inmates, allowing for more space and flexibility in housing inmates statewide. The reduction was achieved through CDCR's expedited release plan (<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/news/2020/03/31/cdcr-announces-plan-to-further-protect-staff-and-inmates-from-the-spread-of-covid-19-in-state-prisons/>) and the suspension of intake of incarcerated persons from county jails through a March 24 Executive Order (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/03/24/governor-newsom-issues-executive-order-on-state-prisons-and-juvenile-facilities-in-response-to-the-covid-19-outbreak/>). CDCR has also transferred approximately 500 inmates from dorm settings into vacant spaces to allow for greater physical distancing. Transfers were completed with personal protective equipment provided to both staff and the incarcerated population where physical distancing could not be achieved.*
- *CDCR and CCHCS have provided information to health care staff about Governor Newsom's Non-Congregate Sheltering for California Health Care Workers Program (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/04/09/governor-newsom-announces-new-program-to-provide-front-line-health-care-workers-with-hotel-rooms/>), which assists health care workers with hotel accommodations to allow for self-isolation or quarantine to help keep workers' families safe. The program will prioritize health care workers who come in contact with or are suspected of having direct contact with COVID-19 patients, or who test positive for COVID-19 but do not require hospitalization. Health care workers who believe they are eligible based on self-certification questions outlined in this memo ([https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/wp-content/uploads/sites/197/2020/04/R\\_Healthcare-Worker-Hotel-Program-Memo-4-11-2020-004.pdf](https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/wp-content/uploads/sites/197/2020/04/R_Healthcare-Worker-Hotel-Program-Memo-4-11-2020-004.pdf)) should contact the CalTravelStore.*

*(para español, haga clic aquí (<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/preparacion-covid-19/>)). Las traducciones al español se proporcionan dentro de las 24 horas de una actualización)*

Executives and staff at CDCR and CCHCS are working closely with infectious disease control experts to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on our operations. To ensure we are ready to immediately respond to any COVID-19 related incident, CDCR and CCHCS activated the Department Operations Center (DOC) in order to be fully prepared to respond to any departmental impacts resulting from COVID-19.

CDCR and CCHCS are dedicated to the safety of everyone who lives in, works in, and visits our state prisons. We have longstanding outbreak management plans in place to address communicable disease outbreaks such as influenza, measles, mumps, norovirus, and varicella, as well as preparedness procedures to address a variety of medical emergencies and natural disasters.

Public safety is a top priority for CDCR, as is the health of our community. The department has been diligent in implementing proactive efforts to ensure health and safety, including recent actions to limit the risks and spread of COVID-19. Examples include limiting all non-essential or emergency transportations between CDCR facilities; screening all who enter the prisons; and suspending visits by the public. As a further protective measure, Governor Newsom issued an executive order (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/03/24/governor-newsom-issues-executive-order-on-state-prisons-and-juvenile-facilities-in-response-to-the-covid-19->

outbreak/) recently directing CDCR to temporarily halt the intake of inmates and youth into the state's 35 prisons and four youth correctional facilities. We are continuously evaluating and implementing proactive measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep our CDCR population and the community-at-large safe.

## **BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF STEPS WE ARE TAKING REGARDING COVID-19**

### **Modified Program**

Effective April 8, 2020, all CDCR adult institutions will implement a mandatory 14-day modified program (<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/wp-content/uploads/sites/197/2020/04/COVID19-Modified-Program.pdf?label=Mandatory%2014-day%20Modified%20Program&from=https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/memos-guidelines-messaging/>). While movement has been limited throughout institutions already, CDCR has implemented these mandatory restrictions statewide for two weeks in order to further reduce staff and inmate exposure to COVID-19.

"This is a time where we are all truly in this together, we are all experiencing changes in our daily lives in an effort to do what's for the greater good of us all," CDCR Secretary Ralph Diaz said. "For the next 14 days there are going to be a lot of changes within our institutions, but we do it with the overall health and safety of all those who live and work in them, and the health and safety of the public, at the forefront. We will continue to seek ways for the incarcerated population to stay in touch with their support systems, retrieve items from canteen services, and have out-of-cell time that we know is important for overall physical and mental health. We ask for patience and an understanding that we are doing everything we can to create better physical distancing within our institutions, staff and inmates—we are all Californians in this effort."

While these restrictive measures are mandatory, the incarcerated population will still have access to medication, health care services, yard time, canteen, packages, and cell-front religious programming while allowing for physical distancing and proper cleaning/disinfecting. Showers and telephones will be disinfected between each use.

Meals will be served in cells or housing units. Recreation/yard time will be allowed; however, schedules will be staggered by housing unit to increase physical distancing. If canteen cannot be accommodated during yard time, staff will facilitate delivery to housing units. Only inmates classified as critical workers will be permitted to report to work.

Community Resource Managers and education staff will provide program materials, games, books, etc., to housing units. Staff will conduct additional rounds to ensure the safety and well-being of those on modified program.

### **Expedited release and plan to increase space within institutions**

On March 31, CDCR announced its plan to further protect staff and inmates (<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/news/2020/03/31/cdcr-announces-plan-to-further-protect-staff-and-inmates-from-the-spread-of-covid-19-in-state-prisons/>) from the spread of COVID-19 in state prisons.

CDCR has expedited the transition to parole for eligible inmates who have 60 days or less to serve on their sentences and are not currently serving time for a violent crime as defined by

law, a person required to register under Penal Code 290, or domestic violence.

The plan will create increased capacity and space to help with inmate movement, physical distancing, and quarantine and isolation efforts for positive COVID-19 cases.

The plan also includes making more use of the state's private and public Community Correctional Facilities, as well as maximizing open spaces in prisons, such as gymnasiums, to increase capacity and inmate movement options.

All of the approximately 3,500 inmates eligible for this expedited release will be released by Monday, April 13.

For frequently asked questions on this plan, visit our FAQ page here (<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/frequently-asked-questions-for-plan-on-expedited-release-and-increased-physical-space-within-state-prisons/>).

### **Expanded precautions at institutions and office locations**

All staff and visitors entering CDCR correctional institutions will undergo a touchless temperature screening prior to entering the facility. This is in addition to the ongoing verbal symptom screening. This applies to CDCR state prisons and community correctional facilities. For guidance on this implementation, see the COVID-19 Facility Entrance Screening.

CDCR and CCHCS have implemented mandatory verbal screening for every person entering **any** work location, in line with screenings in place at prisons since March 14.

Those attempting to enter a state prison or office building at any time are required to verbally respond if they currently have new or worsening symptoms of a respiratory illness. If the individual's response is that they are experiencing symptoms, they will be restricted from entering the site that day.

All CDCR institutions have been instructed to conduct additional deep-cleaning efforts in high-traffic, high-volume areas, including visiting and health care facilities. Those in the incarcerated population identified as assisting with cleaning areas of the institution have received direct instruction on proper cleaning and disinfecting procedures in order to eliminate coronavirus.

Communal areas such as dayrooms, showers, restrooms and offices are cleaned at a minimum of twice per shift during second and third watch, and more if needed. Disinfecting frequency has been increased, including regular disinfecting of touchpoints (telephones, door knobs, desk areas, etc.). All cleaning practices will allow for physical distancing of staff and porters.

On March 11, all CDCR institutions were instructed to order additional hand sanitizer dispenser stations. The purchased dispensers have begun arriving at the institutions and are being placed inside institution dining halls, work change areas, housing units, and where sinks/soap are not immediately available. These dispensers will contain the type of alcohol-based hand sanitizer recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help eliminate coronavirus. Additional dispensers may be placed in high-need areas where they can be monitored for safety and security of the institution.

Staff have been granted permission to carry up to two ounces of personal-use hand sanitizer. The incarcerated population is being provided extra soap when requested and hospital-grade disinfectant that meets CDC guidance for COVID-19.

CDCR and CCHCS have been actively monitoring and assessing institutions to ensure staff have an adequate supply of personal protective equipment to immediately address any potential COVID-19 exposures, and to protect staff and incarcerated people. The workgroup will continue to collaborate and maintain open lines of communication with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to identify any deficiencies and ensure adequate supplies are available at each institution on an ongoing basis.

### **California Prison Industry Authority production**

In an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA) has begun producing hand sanitizer for use by both staff and the incarcerated population.

CALPIA is producing two types of hand sanitizer: *Cleanse*, which contains alcohol, and *Cleanse – AF* (Alcohol Free) which contains the active ingredient Benzalkonium Chloride. The alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be used in the sanitizer dispenser stations being directed into housing units, dining halls, work change areas, and other areas where sinks and soap are not immediately available. The non-alcohol based product is being produced for future needs.

The hand sanitizer is being made available to CDCR and CCHCS facilities and locations. If CALPIA's inventory exceeds the needs of those two departments, CALPIA will make the product available to other state agencies.

CALPIA worked with the California Department of Public Health and within two weeks was able to acquire the necessary licensing for relabeling, repackaging, and mixing.

CALPIA has already started delivering the bottles to CDCR facilities.

The production of the materials will occur at CALPIA's Chemical Enterprise located at the California State Prison, Los Angeles County.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) prisons, the California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA) has started producing reusable cloth barrier masks to meet some of the supply needs of staff and inmates. The masks are being produced at CALPIA's Fabric enterprises at the California Institution for Women, Mule Creek State Prison, California Men's Colony, Sierra Conservation Center, Correctional Training Facility, California Correctional Institution, and Centinela State Prison. CALPIA has made approximately 17,000 barrier masks, with plans to produce 10,000 per day, and has begun distributing the masks to the institutions for both staff and inmate use. All institutions will increase laundry services in order to accommodate proper washing and drying of barrier masks.

CALPIA will continue only critical operations necessary to support the effort to address COVID-19. These operations include the Healthcare Facilities Maintenance program, which will be increasing work hours and days to seven days a week in order to provide increased frequency of cleaning and sanitation, as well as Laundry services, which will be increased to

seven days a week. Other critical operations include food and beverage packaging and the production of hand sanitizer at California State Prison, Los Angeles County.

### **Screening incarcerated population on entry into prisons**

All incarcerated persons received into a Reception Center institution are placed into an automatic 14-day quarantine for monitoring. For more on CDCR and CCHCS quarantine protocols, visit our COVID-19 Status (<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdcr.ca.gov%2F%2F%2Fcdcr-cchcs-covid-19-status%2F&data=02%7C01%7CDana.Simas%40cdcr.ca.gov%7Cb289a7c86e924c100f6708d7d127c0c3%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C0%7C637207840984514096&sdata=%2Fr1f0jVQFht%2FiygQmZjeoRWHN0cakc2DcSvPyp9mCFQ%3D&reserved=0>) webpage.

Immediately upon entry, all inmates are screened for symptoms of influenza-like illness (ILI) including COVID-19. The inmate populations that must be screened include, but are not limited to, those entering via reception centers, receiving and release locations and fire camps, and returning from court, a higher level of care, or an offsite specialty appointment.

The screening shall include asking an individual if they have a cough, fever and/or difficulty breathing, and taking their temperature. Based on the screening questions, temperature reading, and health care staff's clinical judgement, the individual will either be placed in isolation, quarantine or other housing.

### **Social distancing**

CDCR has implemented several practices to encourage "social distancing," which is a strategy recommended by public health officials to stop the spread of contagious diseases. Social distancing requires the creation of physical space between individuals, minimizing gatherings, and ensuring space between individuals when events or activities cannot be modified, postponed, or canceled. Achieving space between individuals of approximately six feet is advisable.

The incarcerated population has received information about social distancing, and staff and inmates are practicing social distancing strategies where possible, including limiting groups to no more than 10, assigning bunks to provide more space between individuals, rearranging scheduled movements to minimize mixing of people from different housing areas, encouraging social distancing during yard time, and adjusting dining schedules where possible to allow for social distancing and additional cleaning and disinfecting of dining halls between groups.

### **Transportation/Receiving and Release protocols**

Effective March 24, CDCR will suspend intake of all incarcerated persons into both adult state prison and Division of Juvenile Justice facilities for a minimum of 30 days. California Governor Gavin Newsom issued an Executive Order (<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.ca.gov%2F%2F%2F2020%2F03%2F24%2Fgovernor-newsom-issues-executive-order-on-state-prisons-and-juvenile-facilities-in-response-to-the-covid-19-outbreak%2F&data=02%7C01%7CDana.Simas%40cdcr.ca.gov%7Cb289a7c86e924c100f6708d7d127c0c3%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C1%7C637207840984524088&>

sdata=K1qcU0GPI8DnmF8fTLT5pNk2ZV9TlhVf4cMYAeZ6qss%3D&reserved=0) directing CDCR to suspend intake into state correctional facilities for 30 days. All persons convicted of felonies shall be received, detained, or housed in a jail or other facility currently detaining or housing them for that period. The order allows Secretary Diaz to grant one or more 30-day extensions if suspension continues to be necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of inmates and juveniles in CDCR's custody and staff who work in the facilities.

CDCR has suspended transfers of inmates into the Male Community Reentry Program (<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdcr.ca.gov%2Frehabilitation%2Fmcrp%2F&data=02%7C01%7CDana.Simas%40cdcr.ca.gov%7Cb289a7c86e924c100f6708d7d127c0c3%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C0%7C637207840984524088&sdata=TUbKWRsQ%2BUUOazKP%2FWwNSQ62HNe3jYqPcdoLYGg2pHM%3D&reserved=0>) (MCRP), the Custody to Community Transitional Reentry Program (<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdcr.ca.gov%2Fadult-operations%2Fcustody-to-community-transitional-reentry-program%2F&data=02%7C01%7CDana.Simas%40cdcr.ca.gov%7Cb289a7c86e924c100f6708d7d127c0c3%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C0%7C637207840984534085&sdata=6QxnVgYRFZEpkzr53XrFQKIPGrN7izJffrZIs1I9aTA%3D&reserved=0>) (CCTRP), and the Alternative Custody Program (<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdcr.ca.gov%2Fadult-operations%2Facp%2F&data=02%7C01%7CDana.Simas%40cdcr.ca.gov%7Cb289a7c86e924c100f6708d7d127c0c3%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C0%7C637207840984534085&sdata=L0mec3UwbZNH6nLMVKBDJ6SBGycVBA7IMvLxdddfPkE%3D&reserved=0>) (ACP) until further notice. CDCR has taken this step to limit potential exposure of staff to COVID-19 during inmate transfers to the community. Additionally, as part of this program, incarcerated persons remain under the jurisdiction and responsibility of CDCR, to include providing any required medical attention. Releasing incarcerated persons to these programs could potentially expose them to COVID-19 in the community which would require their transfer back to an institution for medical care for non-emergent health care needs, increasing risk for potential exposure within our institutions.

CDCR has also suspended transfers of inmates to the Conservation Camp program until further notice. Inmate transfers previously initiated under the approved guidelines, who are currently on layover, will be moved to their final destination.

All transfers out of Reception Centers are suspended through April 22, 2020.

Moves to Department of State Hospital beds at Atascadero State Hospital, Coalinga State Hospital, and Patton State Hospital are allowed only for mentally disordered offender (MDO) referrals.

All Interstate Compact Agreement transfers of out-of-state parolees and inmates to California will cease for 30 days.

To mitigate workload when non-essential movement resumes, this cancellation of all non-essential inmate movement impacts movement only; classification committees and review processes will move ahead as normal.

While it's required to have three staff members to make a quorum, it is only required, during

this unique time, to have two staffers physically present in the committee room with the remaining committee member joining by call. All present in the room should practice social distancing.

California statute permits the Director to authorize temporary community leave for inmates from prison. To reduce risks of COVID-19 to all who work and live in the state prison system and our surrounding communities, there will be no temporary community leave approvals at this time. We will work to make communications available to individuals in these situations.

## **Visiting**

As part of CDCR's COVID-19 prevention efforts, normal visiting at adult and juvenile facilities is canceled statewide until further notice based on California Department of Public Health guidance for mass gatherings. This includes overnight family visits and Division of Juvenile Justice visiting.

Institutions have been instructed to find opportunities to allow increased phone access for the incarcerated population so they may keep in touch with their support system, while also practicing social distancing and other infectious disease safety protocols.

At this time, legal/attorney visits are being held for urgent needs only. Hospice visits will no longer be held until further notice. Marriages will be postponed; those affected are encouraged to work with the institution's Community Resource Manager regarding rescheduling for a later date.

## **Expanded telephone use**

In recognition of the need for incarcerated people to have contact with their loved ones, the Division of Adult Institutions has expanded phone access for certain privilege groups. Access will be via current inmate phone equipment, with extra precautions taken to clean phones and allow physical distancing to limit possible exposure and transmittal of illness. Inmates on C Status (lost privileges due to disciplinary reasons) will remain on phone restrictions until C Status until that status has been completed or removed.

The following populations will be allowed to make calls above their privilege group until further notice:

- Inmates in Administrative Segregation for non-disciplinary reasons, designated Privilege Group B, will be allowed one phone call per week (previously one per month; Privilege Group A are normally allowed one call per week)
- All other inmates in restricted housing will be allowed to make one phone call once every two weeks (currently no phone calls permitted)
- Reception Center inmates will be provided one phone call per week (currently one call within first seven days and one per month after)
- Inmates in Psychiatric Inpatient Program settings will be allowed one call per week unless they are prohibited by the Interdisciplinary Treatment Team (with documented clinical justification).

CDCR's inmate telephone network provider Global Tel Link (GTL) has offered the adult incarcerated population three days of free phone calls each week through the end of April. There is no limit on the number of calls; however, each institution may limit time to accommodate need. The following days are designated for free calling:



Week 1: March 31, April 1, April 2

Week 2: April 7, 8, 9

Week 3: April 14, 15, 16

Week 4: April 21, 22, 23

Week 5: April 28, 29, 30

CDCR's electronic messaging provider for the incarcerated population, JPay, is providing reduced-priced emails to those incarcerated at the pilot institutions and free emails for those inmates who cannot afford it. The five pilot sites that currently have the technology include: High Desert State Prison, Kern Valley State Prison, California Institution for Women, Central California Women's Facility, and Substance Abuse Treatment Facility. At some of these institutions, only certain yards currently have this technology. Details will be provided to the incarcerated population at the institutions.

JPay has also extended inbound email print services to all institutions at a reduced rate. This service enables incarcerated people's family and friends to use the JPay app to send e-correspondence, which mailroom staff then print and deliver with regular mail. Family and friends purchase stamps for this service. While this will not eliminate physical mail, this process reduces COVID-19 transmission risk. This service is also a cost-effective way for incarcerated people to maintain contact with family and friends, which is especially important while visiting is closed. This service is expected to go live on April 10.

More information about JPay services is available in English ([https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/wp-content/uploads/sites/197/2020/04/R\\_CDCR-Take-Ones-English-Sample.pdf](https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/wp-content/uploads/sites/197/2020/04/R_CDCR-Take-Ones-English-Sample.pdf)) and Spanish ([https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/wp-content/uploads/sites/197/2020/04/R\\_CDCR-Take-Ones-Spanish-Sample.pdf](https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/wp-content/uploads/sites/197/2020/04/R_CDCR-Take-Ones-Spanish-Sample.pdf)).

The youth within the Division of Juvenile Justice already receive free phone calls and have begun using free Skype video calls for visiting.

### **Rehabilitative programs and volunteers**

Non-CDCR/CCHCS/CALPIA staff will not be permitted to enter state prison until further notice. This includes people who enter state prison as volunteers, or to facilitate rehabilitative programs. Paid union representatives, and Inmate Ward Labor (IWL) staff will be permitted. CalVet representatives and contractors who work with institution staff to conduct interviews and provide forensic evaluations for incarcerated veterans to receive federal disability benefits for themselves and their families pursuant to Senate Bill 776 will also be permitted.

No rehabilitative programs, group events, or in-person educational classes will take place until further notice. At this time, all tours and events have been postponed, and no new tours are being scheduled.

### **Education**

The Office of Correctional Education is working with institution principals, library staff, and teachers to provide in-cell assignments where possible in order for students to continue

their studies, legal library access and educational credit-earning opportunities.

For those in our incarcerated population who need supplementary academic support, CDCR has encouraged Disability Placement Program, Developmental Disability Program, and Every Student Succeeds Act staff to coordinate with the institution instructor to provide additional assistance to enrolled students where possible.

Standardized testing has stopped until further notice, although we are encouraging education staff to continue to engage their students as much as possible to stay focused on their rehabilitation and positive programming during this time.

Recreation and Law Library Services will continue to be available to the incarcerated population even if physical access is restricted due to safety and security measures.

### **Religious programs**

CDCR recognizes the importance of religion in the daily life and spiritual growth of incarcerated people. Unfortunately, the department has limited group religious programming for upcoming holidays such as Ramadan, Passover, and Easter. These services will be provided as in-cell services as an alternative. CDCR will provide the appropriate Ramadan and Passover daily meals to allow incarcerated people to observe their religious meal traditions, including appropriately beginning and breaking their Ramadan fast.

Chaplains will conduct individual religious counseling as appropriate while maintaining social distancing, and CDCR is working to provide televised religious services to the population.

### **Health care services**

The health and safety of our population is of critical importance to CDCR and CCHCS. While our agency is working together to prepare for and respond to COVID-19, we will continue to provide urgent health care services. To reduce risks to both patients and staff, inmate movement will be minimized. In addition, some specialty and routine care may be delayed as a result of both internal redirections and external closures. All cancelled appointments will be rescheduled as soon as safely possible. Health care staff will continue to see and treat patients through the 7362 process and those with flu-like symptoms will be tested for COVID-19 as appropriate.

On March 20, CCHCS issued COVID-19: Interim Guidance for Health Care and Public Health Providers. This document provides clinical guidelines to health care providers in response to COVID-19 cases in the California prison system. View guidelines distributed to institution staff on March 20, 2020. ([https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/wp-content/uploads/sites/197/2020/03/R\\_CCHCS-COVID-19-Interim-Guidance-3.19.2020.pdf?label=COVID-19:%20Interim%20Guidance%20for%20Health%20Care%20and%20Public%20Health%20Providers%20&from=https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/memos/](https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/wp-content/uploads/sites/197/2020/03/R_CCHCS-COVID-19-Interim-Guidance-3.19.2020.pdf?label=COVID-19:%20Interim%20Guidance%20for%20Health%20Care%20and%20Public%20Health%20Providers%20&from=https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/memos/))

CDCR and CCHCS have launched an internal patient registry to assist institutions in monitoring patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. The COVID-19 Registry also tracks all individuals by risk. The registry is updated twice daily and draws from multiple data sources, including the electronic health record system, claims data, and the Strategic Offender Management System to compile risk factor data. This registry also includes

release date information for each individual, in the event that individuals are to be considered for early release during the pandemic. This tool is not publically available as it contains personal health care information protected by medical privacy laws.

### **Dental care**

The California Dental Association recommends that all non-urgent dental care be suspended for the next 14 days. Effective immediately and until further notice, dental treatment shall be limited to Dental Priority Classification (DPC) 1 conditions (urgent care). For more information on what qualifies as urgent care, view HCDOM 3.3.5.4

(<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcchcs.ca.gov%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2Fsites%2F60%2FHCDOM-ch03-art3.5.4.pdf&data=02%7C01%7CDana.Simas%40cdcr.ca.gov%7Cb289a7c86e924c100f6708d7d127c0c3%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C1%7C637207840984544076&sdata=32JMHUCxD1BMpHxflLgoCWd9lkcCakt9D9QfSGWqPFg%3D&reserved=0>).

### **Specialty care appointments**

In order to reduce risks to patients and staff, all non-urgent offsite specialty appointments will be re-scheduled to a later time. Telemedicine appointments will continue at this time.

### **Board of Parole Hearings/Parole suitability hearings**

The California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) has held 116 parole suitability hearings by video and telephone conference between April 1-10. BPH anticipates moving forward with all scheduled hearings through video conference beginning Monday, April 13, consistent with Governor Gavin Newsom's March 24 Executive Order (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/03/24/governor-newsom-issues-executive-order-on-state-prisons-and-juvenile-facilities-in-response-to-the-covid-19-outbreak/>)

A breakdown of the hearing outcomes is below:

- o 32 grants
- o 42 denials
- o 8 stipulations
- o 8 waived
- o 25 postponed
- o 1 continued

Below is comparison of grants as a percentage of hearings held by videoconference versus hearings held in 2019:

- o Grants as a percentage of hearings held by video: 43%
- o Grants as a percentage of hearings held in 2019: 34%
- o Denials as a percentage of hearings held by video: 57%
- o Denials as a percentage of hearings held in 2019: 66%

Board of Juvenile Hearings proceedings will take place as scheduled via video conference only. Go to the Board website for more information. <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/juvenile-justice>

/juvenile-parole-board/ (<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdcr.ca.gov%2Fjuvenile-justice%2Fjuvenile-parole-board%2F&data=02%7C01%7CDana.Simas%40cdcr.ca.gov%7Cb289a7c86e924c100f6708d7d127c0c3%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C0%7C637207840984554073&sdata=i%2FP%2F76ZpNHbLKipVcF4iFzbJi7mklDzbFlkQsk3rP3k%3D&reserved=0>)

### **Division of Adult Parole Operations**

The Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO) is committed to the safety of the community, staff, and those in its care. Given the increased risk associated with the use of mass/public transportation and those under parole supervision deemed a high-risk population (older adults and those with known serious chronic medical conditions), DAPO will make some operational changes to support both staff and the individuals under their care and supervision, including suspending lobby traffic except for initial parole interviews and emergencies, and suspending office visits for those age 65 and older and/or with chronic medical conditions.

All parolees' conditions of parole remain in place, with the exception of the items listed above. DAPO administrators and supervisors will assess all measures being implemented and adjust, modify, or waive required specifications as appropriate. Any questions parolees may have related to COVID-19 prevention efforts should be directed to their Parole Agent. Learn more here (<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdcr.ca.gov%2Fdivision-of-adult-parole-operations%2F&data=02%7C01%7CDana.Simas%40cdcr.ca.gov%7Cb289a7c86e924c100f6708d7d127c0c3%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C0%7C637207840984554073&sdata=oKcA3WPjx9T3e8uMvYuzuiXyJEiAi%2BW7VevmFtxaCPQ%3D&reserved=0>).

### **Modified Community Correctional Facilities and Community Reentry Programs**

CDCR's in-state contract facilities are conducting verbal screenings of staff and participants who enter the facilities. Those attempting to enter one of these facilities are required to verbally respond if they currently have symptoms of a respiratory illness.

Visiting has also been halted at these facilities until further notice.

CDCR is committed to continuing education programs and limiting the impact our COVID-19 response has on positive rehabilitative programming for our Community Reentry Programs. Rehabilitative programs at the reentry facilities will continue with modifications made to class sizes to encourage social distancing, with some potential program closures.

At this time, participants are generally restricted from leaving the facilities outside of mandated legal reasons, urgent medical needs, if they are employed in the community, or for critical reentry services related to those within 30-45 days of release.

Participants age 65 or older are only eligible for passes to go out in the community for emergency situations only.

Visiting has been canceled at the Community Prisoner Mother Program (CPMP) in line with recommendations from public health officials and the cessation of visiting at CDCR locations statewide. This includes scheduled off-site visits for children residing at CPMP with their mothers. Family members may continue to drop approved items such as diapers,

wipes, baby food and baby snacks (for children under 1), during normal visiting hours even during closure. CPMP staff are diligently working to ensure the mothers' and children's needs are met and supplies are readily available with a surplus where needed. They are working closely with community healthcare providers and medical staff at nearby California Institution for Women to keep all required appointments for mothers and children.

### **Division of Juvenile Justice**

CDCR's Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) will begin virtual visitation at all four of its facilities effective April 11. Video visiting appointments are requested by approved visitors for DJJ youth via a dedicated email address and scheduled in 30-minute blocks during regular weekend visitation hours. The visitation takes place on laptop computers placed on tables in standard visiting areas to give youth privacy and assure social distancing is taking place. Appointment requests (<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/juvenile-justice/visiting-your-loved-one-with-skype-for-business/>) are screened by staff to make sure that only approved visitors are utilizing the service. A successful trial of the program was implemented on March 27 at Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp in Amador County. A press release announcing the launch of the new program is available here (<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/news/2020/04/07/california-division-of-juvenile-justice-implements-virtual-visiting/>).

Directions will be posted around the DJJ facilities so that youth can share the information with their support system.

Effective March 18, no volunteers are allowed to enter DJJ until further notice. All volunteer programs are postponed. When entering, all staff, volunteers and visitors will be given the same health screenings in place at other state institutions, including temperature checks.

The California Education Authority is continuing high school classes for youth in DJJ. As of April 7, all education provided will be via distance learning.

We also encourage letter writing as a way to stay in touch and are increasing the number of postage stamps available to youth.

Board of Juvenile Hearings proceedings will take place as scheduled via videoconference only. Go to the Board website for more information: <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/juvenile-justice/juvenile-parole-board/> (<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/juvenile-justice/juvenile-parole-board/>)

For the latest on steps DJJ is taking to protect youth from COVID-19, visit the DJJ webpage here (<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/juvenile-justice/>).

### **Construction projects**

On March 20, 2020, CDCR suspended large-scale construction projects located within the secure perimeter of CDCR facilities. Limited construction activities are continuing as necessary to make work areas safe and protect construction areas from deterioration during the suspension. While the construction industry overall has been identified as an essential business/service under Executive Order E-33-20, the interest of CDCR as a construction owner is unique. Construction occurring at facilities under CDCR jurisdiction impacts the health and safety of thousands of employees and persons incarcerated in youth and adult institutions. The action to suspend large-scale construction projects was consistent with earlier preventive actions, such as the cancellation of visiting and volunteer entries

statewide, and seeks to reduce and minimize the number of non-CDCR employees that enter CDCR institutions on a daily basis. These decisions are not made lightly, and are taken with the safety of all who work in, live in, and visit our facilities in mind.

### **Peace officer hiring and academies**

Written peace officer exams are suspended until April 6, 2020. The health and safety of our staff, cadets, and candidates is a top priority. CDCR is taking all the available precautions to ensure a safe and healthy environment. These precautions include regular office cleanings, hand sanitizer/gloves when applicable, reduced testing and physical fitness group sizes, and social distancing.

The Basic Correctional Officer Academy (BCOA) that is currently underway has been accelerated to allow graduation to move from May 1, 2020, to April 7, 2020. The BCOA scheduled to start Tuesday, March 24, will be postponed for at least 30 days.

### **Population communication**

CDCR Secretary Ralph Diaz will be releasing regular video message updates directly to the incarcerated population. You can see the latest message from March 25 here (<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvimeo.com%2F400758862%2F824c4cf567&data=02%7C01%7CDana.Simas%40cdcr.ca.gov%7Cb289a7c86e924c100f6708d7d127c0c3%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C1%7C637207840984564065&sdata=rGtZkMRcnQN1Y5CBJdpiW27scQ3MLaG3NKEzNHib0PA%3D&reserved=0>).

Wardens, captains, public information officers, and other institution executives have been instructed to meet with their respective Inmate Advisory Councils either individually or in small groups where social distancing can be maintained. This is to encourage an open line of communication between the incarcerated population and the institution leaders in charge of their care in order to quickly and efficiently meet their needs.

To keep members of our population informed, we have created and distributed fact sheets and posters in both English and Spanish that provide education on COVID-19 and precautions recommended by CDC, which expand upon those advised during cold and flu season. We have also begun streaming CDC educational videos on the CDCR Division of Rehabilitative Programs inmate television network and the CCHCS inmate health care television network. Learn more here (<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdcr.ca.gov%2F%2Fpopulation-communications%2F&data=02%7C01%7CDana.Simas%40cdcr.ca.gov%7Cb289a7c86e924c100f6708d7d127c0c3%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C0%7C637207840984564065&sdata=LQUKzZEIzF0YcnEHrTdezSZLSUKAA%2FulwfKSVIIDIYI%3D&reserved=0>).

Additionally, we are providing regular department updates regarding COVID-19 response to the Statewide Inmate Family Council and all institutional Inmate Family Councils who serve the family and friends of the incarcerated population to ensure they are aware of the steps the department is taking to protect their loved ones housed in our institutions.

### **Communication and guidance to staff**

Governor Gavin Newsom has announced the Non-Congregate Sheltering for California

Health Care Workers Program (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/04/09/governor-newsom-announces-new-program-to-provide-front-line-health-care-workers-with-hotel-rooms/>), which assists health care workers with hotel accommodations to allow for self-isolation or quarantine to help keep workers' families safe. Some CDCR/CCHCS staff may be eligible for this program, which is administered by the California Department of General Services and CalTravelStore statewide. The program will prioritize health care workers who come in contact with or are suspected of having direct contact with COVID-19 patients, or who test positive for COVID-19 but do not require hospitalization. Health care workers who believe they are eligible based on self-certification questions outlined in this memo ([https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/wp-content/uploads/sites/197/2020/04/R\\_Healthcare-Worker-Hotel-Program-Memo-4-11-2020-004.pdf](https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/wp-content/uploads/sites/197/2020/04/R_Healthcare-Worker-Hotel-Program-Memo-4-11-2020-004.pdf)), and who need accommodations, should visit the CalTravelStore website ([https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.travelstore.com%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fcal\\_oes\\_hotels\\_for\\_hc\\_workers\\_04092020.pdf&data=02%7C01%7Ckristina.khokhobashvili%40cdcr.ca.gov%7C372c3d1aeeed4c46326f08d7dff01c3%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C1%7C637224141469259566&sdata=yJTeUKPmxnfGkT7ic2vzQR%2B1QDAh2dNJK7GyOAslCyQ%3D&reserved=0](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.travelstore.com%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fcal_oes_hotels_for_hc_workers_04092020.pdf&data=02%7C01%7Ckristina.khokhobashvili%40cdcr.ca.gov%7C372c3d1aeeed4c46326f08d7dff01c3%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C1%7C637224141469259566&sdata=yJTeUKPmxnfGkT7ic2vzQR%2B1QDAh2dNJK7GyOAslCyQ%3D&reserved=0)) or call (877) 454-8785.

CDCR Secretary Ralph Diaz will be releasing regular video message updates directly to CDCR staff. You can see the latest message from March 25 here (<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvimeo.com%2F400756098%2F8d895b053b&data=02%7C01%7CDana.Simas%40cdcr.ca.gov%7Cb289a7c86e924c100f6708d7d127c0c3%7C0662477dfa0c4556a8f5c3bc62aa0d9c%7C0%7C1%7C637207840984574058&sdata=YiKdJAZUjC0D8l8k8dzGDVtRisPci%2B8QocgA8OCfLKs%3D&reserved=0>).

Federal Receiver J. Clark Kelso released a video message (<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/insidecdcr/2020/03/31/message-to-all-cdcr-cchcs-staff-from-receiver-j-clark-kelso/>) to all CCHCS and CCHCS staff.

Only in-service training (IST) for range, weapons, and chemical agents qualifications and training shall continue as long as social distancing can be achieved. All other IST has been postponed until July.

We have worked continuously to keep staff informed of the evolving situation, including creating internal and external webpages with health-related information from CDC and California Department of Public Health on how they can protect themselves against COVID-19. We have also provided staff with California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) updates on personnel and work-related questions specific to the COVID-19 issue.

CDCR and CCHCS care for the health and wellness of its workforce and have been working to accommodate those who have been impacted by this evolving situation. We will continue to work diligently with CalHR and labor organizations on how we can best keep our workforce protected and provide for the safety and security of our institutions.

For more employee resources related to COVID-19, see our webpage here: <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/information/> (<https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdcr.ca.gov%2Fcovid19%2Finformation%2F&>

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