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Public health officer orders short-term lodging to limit business to COVID-19 response only

Riverside County Public Health Officer Dr. Cameron Kaiser today ordered all short-term lodging, including short-term home rentals, hotels and motels to limit their business to novel coronavirus response only.

Limited activities that are still allowed under this order include providing lodging to protect the homeless population or for essential workers. Providing lodging for anyone who must leave their home to safely isolate away from other family members, or family members displaced due to someone self-isolating at home, are also permitted under the order.

“Now isn’t the time to visit Riverside County,” said Kaiser. “Slowing the spread of COVID-19 means folks need to stay put in their own neighborhoods. Unless you’ve got nowhere else safe to be, please visit later.”

The short-term lodging order applies to all cities and unincorporated areas of Riverside County. The order further states that no owner, tenant or marketing agent may rent or lease any short-term rental, vacation rental or timeshare.

“There have been many questions about short-term rentals during this time, so I appreciate and fully support this order,” said Riverside County Board Chair and Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez.

This order is in conjunction with the governor’s order to stay at home issued on March 19, the County of Riverside local health emergency declared on March 8, as well as the local emergency proclaimed on March 10.

Previously, Kaiser ordered all Riverside County schools, colleges and universities to close until April 30.

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