

Board of Supervisors Agenda Item Report

Submitting Department: Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: February 28, 2023

SUBJECT

Public Health: Discussion and possible action relative to adoption of a Resolution terminating the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency related to COVID-19.

Recommendation:

Accept termination of Local Health Emergency pursuant to attached memorandum.

4/5 vote required:

No

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Unanimous*

ATTACHMENTS

- [COVID local health emergency termination memo.pdf](#)
- [RES 23-0XX Local Emergency Termination.doc](#)



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February 14, 2023

To: Amador County Board of Supervisors
Amador County Counsel

cc: Amador County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services

From: Rita H. Kerr, M.D., Health Officer *RHK*

Re: Recommendation to Terminate Local Emergency Declarations Related to COVID-19

A novel coronavirus SARS CoV-2 that causes the disease named "COVID-19" was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019. The number of reported cases of COVID-19 escalated dramatically over a short period of time in the first months of 2020. On March 4, 2020, the Governor of California issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19 and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak to be a pandemic.

On March 11, 2020, the California Department of Public Health issued guidance to limit the spread of COVID-19 as community transmission of the virus was occurring in California. Health and Safety Code section 101080 authorizes a local health officer to declare a local health emergency in the health officer's jurisdiction, or any part thereof, whenever the health officer reasonably determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, non-communicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent. Therefore, on March 12, 2020, Amador County Health Officer Rita H. Kerr, M.D. declared a local health emergency in the County of Amador due to the imminent and proximate threat of the spread of COVID-19 in the County. On March 17, 2020 Sheriff Martin Ryan issued a Proclamation of a Local Emergency as the Director of Emergency Services for Amador County. The local emergency proclamations were ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2020.

Over the past three years, much has been learned about the novel coronavirus SARS CoV-2. Preventive strategies including vaccination, ventilation, and use of personal preventive measures mitigate spread of the virus. Testing (including at-home tests) and antiviral treatments that are effective in preventing severe illness are now available. Supply chain scarcity and impact to hospitals have become manageable. California will terminate the statewide COVID-19 State of Emergency at the end of February 2023, continuing the principles of the state's SMARTER Plan to keep COVID-19 in check.

Concurrently, Amador County Public Health and Health Officer Rita H. Kerr, M.D., in consultation with the Amador County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES), deem the local response to COVID-19 no longer necessitates local emergency status. We recommend that the Board of Supervisors terminate the local health emergency and Amador County OES emergency proclamation for COVID-19 as of February 28, 2023.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION TERMINATING LOCAL EMERGENCY) RESOLUTION NO. 23-019
DECLARATIONS RELATED TO COVID-19)

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Amador County Health Officer Rita H. Kerr, M.D. declared a local health emergency in the County of Amador due to the imminent and proximate threat of the spread of COVID-19 in the County; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Sheriff Martin Ryan issued a Proclamation of a Local Emergency as the Director of Emergency Services for Amador County; and

WHEREAS, the local emergency proclamations were ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of California will terminate the statewide COVID-19 State of Emergency on February 28, 2023, continuing the principles of the state's SMARTER Plan to keep COVID-19 in check; and

WHEREAS, Concurrently, Amador County Public Health and Health Officer Rita H. Kerr, M.D., in consultation with the Amador County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES), deem the local response to COVID-19 no longer necessitates local emergency status.


THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, does hereby terminate Local Emergency Declarations related to COVID-19.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors in the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 28th day of February 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Jeffrey Brown, Brian Oneto, Richard Forster, Brian Oneto, Frank U. Axe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Jeffrey Brown, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California



Deputy