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**Chief Administrative Office
El Dorado County**

EL DORADO COUNTY, PARTNERS SEND LETTER TO GOVERNOR REQUESTING MODIFICATION FOR TOURISM TRAVEL, OUTDOOR RECREATION GUIDELINES

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(PLACERVILLE, CA) – The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, Public Health Officer, CEOs of Marshall Medical Center and Barton Health and the mayors of Placerville and South Lake Tahoe sent a joint letter to Governor Newsom requesting modifications in the State’s Stay At Home order to relax travel restrictions and allow for additional recreation activities.

“El Dorado County residents have made significant sacrifices to ensure the level of COVID-19 remains low,” said Board Chair Brian Veerkamp. “Coupled with the fact that a preponderance of businesses throughout the County is reliant upon tourism, we believe it is both possible and important that we be able to open more widely in a safe, reasonable manner.”

Many businesses have already developed safety plans which will mitigate the transmission of the virus and are awaiting guidelines to finalize them and be in a position to safely reopen.

The letter specifically requests the California Department of Public Health convene a work group with heavily tourism-focused Counties to develop guidelines that allow a reasonable amount of recreational travel; relax the Stay At Home order to allow low-risk recreation areas and campgrounds including backpacking, camping and commercial white water rafting; amend the lodging and hotels guideline to remove restrictions on nonessential use of lodging in preparation for relaxation of the nonessential travel ban; and release a timeline for the issuance of future guidelines.

See the letter [here](#).

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