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**Bay Area Health Officers Move to Implement the State’s New Regional Stay Home Order,
Not Waiting Until Local Hospitals Are Near Crisis to Act**

Yesterday, Governor Newsom announced that all sectors other than retail and essential operations would be closed in regions of the State where less than 15 percent of ICU beds are available under a new Regional Stay Home Order. Although health officials throughout the Bay Area are glad to see the State take action in light of the rapidly escalating surge in hospitalizations statewide, many believe even more aggressive action is necessary in the Bay Area to slow the surge and prevent our local hospitals from being overwhelmed.

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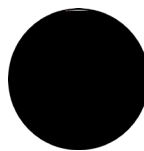
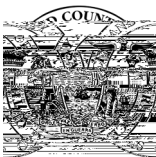
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ospitalizations here in Contra Costa County and
h Officer Dr. Christopher Farnitano. “The
our county has doubled in just the past couple
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cliff to pull the emergency break,” said Santa
nderstand that the closures under the State
inesses. However, if we act quickly, we can
e restrictions have to stay in place, allowing

aten not only our community members with
because of a heart attack, stroke, accident, or
ealth Officer Dr. Nicholas Moss. “By acting
ne surge and save more lives.”

Hernandez, the City of Berkeley Health



and not traveling. We don't want holiday gatherings and travel to create a spike of cases on top of the surge we're already seeing."

"Although Marin has fared better than some other counties in our region over the last few weeks, we know it is only a matter of time before rising case and hospitalization put pressure on our hospitals too," said Marin County Health Officer Dr. Matthew Willis. "We must act now, and must act together to ensure all hospitals in the Bay Area have the capacity they need to care for our residents."

Consistent with the State framework, the six jurisdictions are working to ensure that all sectors have at least 48-hour notice of these closures. Most of the Bay Area Health Officers will implement the State's Regional Stay At Home Order as of Sunday December 6, 2020. In Alameda County, it is scheduled to take effect on Monday, December 7, 2020, and Marin County's order will take effect Tuesday, December 8. The new restrictions will remain in place until January 4, 2021.

The sector closures and restrictions on activity under the State's [Regional Stay Home Order](#) are described [here](#).

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