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# Regional events canceled in wake of gatherings ban

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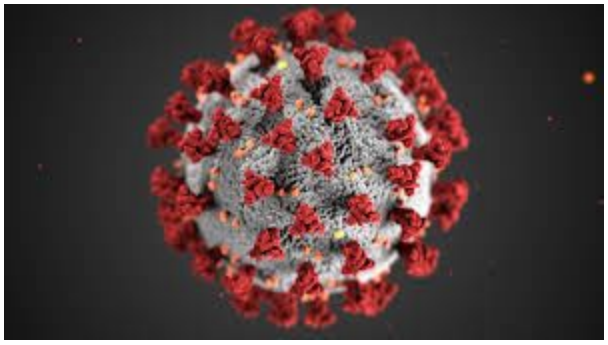

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, Governor Gavin Newsom banned all gatherings of 250 people or more and strongly recommended that groups with 10 high-risk individuals be canceled. In the wake of this, regional events have been canceled or postponed. The following is a list of events The Triplicate is aware of:

Sutter Health

Sutter Health announced on its website in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, it is restricting all visitors from its hospitals, effective immediately and until further notice.

“During this time, it is critical that we protect vulnerable patients in our hospitals, as well as our healthcare workers and providers. Visitors may unwittingly pass the virus on to staff and patients, even when they aren’t showing symptoms of the illness,” Sutter Coast officials wrote.

“We are taking extra precautions to reduce the risk of the spread of the disease, especially as we anticipate an increased volume of COVID-19 patients in the coming days.”

Officials ask if you wish to visit a patient, to consider other means like telephone or videoconference. This will prevent the patient from in-person contact.

Sutter Health will allow the partners of laboring persons to the delivery room and visitors in end of life situations. They also allow support for minors and people with disabilities.

CR suspending classes the week following Spring Break

College of the Redwoods (CR) is suspending classes following Spring Break, March 23-27. The college’s announcement comes in the wake of the World Health Organization (WHO) announcing March 11 the

COVID-19 virus outbreak is now officially a global pandemic and Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services declaration of a local health emergency throughout the county.

This will allow CR to prepare for the eventuality that they will need to suspend face-to-face instruction. This includes the main Eureka campus, the Del Norte Campus and the Klamath-Trinity instructional site. Instruction at Pelican Bay State Prison will continue with regularly scheduled classes.

Faculty and staff will use this time to prepare to deliver instruction and student support services remotely if face-to-face instruction is suspended. At this time, CR expects the regular class schedule to resume on March 30.

The residence halls will remain open for those students who live on campus.

Also, CR has suspended all spring sports.

“Although there are still no known cases of COVID-19 on any district campuses, and while Humboldt County has not seen community spread, it has occurred in nearby counties, and we have decided that the travel inherent to the sports season constitutes an unnecessary risk,” said CR Communications and Marketing Coordinator Jesse Wiedel in a press release. “We will continue to follow health guidelines and will provide updates to the student-athletes through their coaching staff.”

Updates provided by the CCCAA and the Golden Valley Conference Commissioner regarding eligibility status of student-athlete participation will be distributed when they become available, Wiedel added.

Disaster Preparedness Fair

Due to Del Norte County’s COVID-19 response efforts, the Del Norte Office of Emergency Services Disaster Preparedness Fair has been postponed until May 23. It will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1001 Front St. in Crescent City. Learn how to prepare yourself and your family for disasters of all types. Meet first responders, take part in hands-on activities, listen to expert speakers, sign up for free classes and there is a kid zone for the kids. For more information, call 464-7255.

Crystal Ball postponed

The Crystal Ball, a black-tie benefit for CASA of Del Norte, has been postponed from its March 28 date to early fall. The event sold out and had a waiting list. Organizers said on their Facebook page if you have paid and reserved a seat, contact Lyz at 464-3320 to let them know if you want to remain on the list for the fall event or get a full refund.

Economic Summit postponed

Cindy Vosburg, Del Norte Crescent City Chamber of Commerce Director, confirmed Friday that the chamber’s annual Economic Summit has been postponed.

“Due to the Directive from Governor Newsom and the concerns from our own County of Del Norte Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Branch concerning the COVID-19, we are

postponing the Economic Summit until later this spring. We are working with Senator McGuire's office now to set the new date which may be as early as May," Vosburg said.

Northcoast Youth Summit canceled

Organizers of the 17th Annual Northcoast Youth Summit, scheduled for March 21 at the College of the Redwoods Eureka Campus, announced the cancellation of their event.

"Our top priority is the health and safety of our community and the public at large. In light of the concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19), the Northcoast Youth Summit (NYS) Planning Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 NYS. We plan to have a 2021 NYS so please look for updates next year," they wrote.

Redwood Wild River Run postponed

The North Coast Redwoods District canceled the Redwood Wild River Run, originally scheduled for March 21 at Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park. The decision was made to protect park visitors and the community as the state responds to COVID-19. California State Parks is working with event coordinators to reschedule the run for a later date.

Finally, gatherings at the Del Norte County Library have been canceled.

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