

PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY
FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGARDING MONKEYPOX

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, monkeypox is a disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. It is spread through prolonged skin-to-skin contact and symptoms of monkeypox include rash, fever, muscle aches and respiratory symptoms. Although most cases of monkeypox resolve within a few weeks, monkeypox can cause serious symptoms, including severe pain, hospitalization and, in rare cases, death: and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2022, the first case of monkeypox in the United States was confirmed in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2022, an investigation began into the first case of monkeypox in California in a person who traveled abroad, and the case was confirmed as positive for monkeypox on May 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2022 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the multi-country spread of monkeypox to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, which constitutes its highest alert level: and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2022 pursuant to the authority vested in him under Government Code section 8625, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the spread of monkeypox within the State of California; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2022 the Biden Administration declared a National Public Health Emergency due the spread of monkeypox within the United States; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2022 the first case of monkeypox was reported in Riverside County: and

1 WHEREAS, as of August 8, 2022 there are 59 confirmed or probable cases of monkeypox
2 reported in Riverside County; and

3 WHEREAS, there is a limited supply of JYNNEOS vaccine, which is approved by the
4 U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the prevention of smallpox and monkeypox disease; and

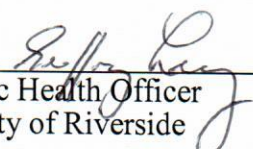
5 WHEREAS, the County of Riverside has and will continue to mobilize all available
6 resources to mitigate the impact of monkeypox on County residents, businesses and visitors; and

7 WHEREAS, the County of Riverside requests all necessary assistance from the State of
8 California and Federal Government to combat the spread of monkeypox and support Countywide
9 mitigation efforts including but not limited to; pharmaceuticals, supplies, equipment, staffing and funding
10 and

11 WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 101080, the Public Health Officer
12 of the County of Riverside finds that **there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from**
13 **the introduction and spread of Monkeypox in Riverside County.**

14 NOW, THEREFORE, the Public Health Officer of the County of Riverside hereby
15 declares that a local health emergency now exists in the County of Riverside and shall be deemed to
16 continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and hereafter by ratification of the County Board of
17 Supervisors, until its termination is proclaimed by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of
18 Riverside.

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22 Dated: 8/08/2022



Public Health Officer
County of Riverside