

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Shelter in Place Enforcement

Sheriff Jim Hart has been working closely with County Law Enforcement Chiefs, the County Health Officer and other Governmental Agencies, following the Shelter in Place Order.

The Sheriff's Office and other local police agencies will be taking a practical approach to the enforcement of this Order by focusing on education and communication. Our goal is to make the public aware of the regulations surrounding the Order to obtain voluntary compliance.

We will be contacting local businesses to give direction and anticipate voluntary compliance from community members. Deputies will be discouraging public gatherings. The Order is enforceable pursuant to California Health and Safety Code 120295.

"Everyone has a role to play to ensure community safety and we will get through this by working together," said Sheriff Jim Hart.

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