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Statement from County of Monterey Chief Administrative Officer, Charles McKee

"Today Governor Newson announced that the COVID-19 State of Emergency will end on February 28, 2023. This timeline gives our Office of Emergency Services and Health Department ample time to demobilize and to look ahead to managing what most would agree is an evolving and on-going public health challenge.

What this means for the County of Monterey specifically will be determined over the coming weeks. We will however remain strong proponents for our residents who live here and those who work here of getting fully vaccinated. Science has proven time and time again that vaccinations are our best defense against COVID-19.

Our County Health Department, Natividad, and our other public and private sector partners in community health have been planning for this day as well as a potential surge that may occur after the holidays in January and February. Coupled with health experts' expectation that we will experience a very challenging Flu season, making it more important for our community members to get both COVID boosters and Flu shots.

There is nothing more important to our Board of Supervisors and our County's Healthcare Professionals than the health and wellbeing of our residents. The County of Monterey will continue to beat the drum of prevention and reasonable measures to protect our people and our economy."

March 10, 2020, marked the date the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors approved the County's Emergency Proclamation. County of Monterey COVID-19 timeline is available at the link below.

https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/administrative-office/office-of-emergency-services/response/covid-19

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