

## **Public Health Brief**

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## Closure of Face-to-Face Welfare Department Services

Whereas The California Health and Safety Code section 120175 says: "Each health officer knowing or having reason to believe that any case of the diseases made reportable by regulation of the department, or any other contagious, infectious or communicable disease exists, or has recently existed, within the territory under his or her jurisdiction, shall take measures as may be necessary to prevent the spread of the disease or occurrence of additional cases", and

Whereas Alpine County is experiencing a surge of new COVID-19 cases in the last 6 weeks,

**Therefore**, effective immediately, and through December 11th, the Alpine County Welfare Department is closed to the public. Applicants and recipients will continue to receive prompt and effective access to and receipt of essential life-sustaining benefits such as food benefits, medical care, housing and cash benefits that are critically needed during an emergency or disaster. Access to the department is still available during normal business hours through telephonic and internet modalities. Telephone # is 530-694-2235.

Sincerely,

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