



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO FOR THE
INSPECTION OF A FACILITY LOCATED AT 850 I STREET REEDLEY, CA 93654**

April 21, 2023

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 120175.5 (b) & 101070 (b), the Health Officer of the County of Fresno orders as follows:

1. This order is issued as a result of multiple attempts to communicate with Universal MediTech Inc, Prestige Biotech Inc (“business owners”) currently leasing space located at 850 I Street, Reedley, CA 93654 to confirm hazardous materials, biological specimens, and operational practices to ensure hazardous waste and medical waste are appropriately being disposed of in compliance with Federal and State requirements.
2. Attempts to communicate with business owners in regards to facility located at 850 I Street, Reedley, CA 93654 since December 19, 2022 from City of Reedley and other public agencies to ascertain contents and items at the facility have been unsuccessful.
3. City of Reedley building officials posted on March 3, 2023 an Unsafe to Occupy Notice in front of the building. Building has limited power source supplying refrigerators and freezers that are storing reagents, biological samples, appearance of containers used to culture virus(es), and multiple chemical containers. Items documented by City of Reedley officials.
4. Preliminary investigation into the business owners does not list them as a licensed laboratory under Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) under the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
5. City of Reedley reports business owners statements that they are conducting laboratory research on mice for COVID.
6. City of Reedley has documented inhumane treatment of mice on site.
7. U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and California Department of Public Health, Food and Drug Branch (FDB) have been investigating the facility and business owners and have embargoed clinical testing kits at the facility due to non-compliance.
8. CDC has interest in the reagents being stored in the refrigerator/freezer that have been imported from outside of the United States which will require a federal permit which the business does not currently possess.

The Health Officer hereby orders an inspection, search, identification, and categorization of all chemicals, biological specimens, reagents, and other hazardous materials or biological materials to ascertain an inventory of items that may be a potential harm to the public if not handled and/or stored or transported appropriately in compliance with Federal and State regulations on April 21, 2023 and any necessary subsequent visits up to May 6, 2023.

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I, as Interim Health Officer for the County of Fresno, encourage voluntary compliance with this Health Officer's Order. However, violation of this order is subject to fine, imprisonments or both (California Health and Safety Code Section 120295.)

Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is punishable by fine, imprisonment or both under various criminal statutes:

Cal. Penal Code section 148 makes it a misdemeanor to resist, delay, or obstruct a public officer, in the discharge of his or her duty. Sheriff deputies and city police officers are authorized to enforce health orders in the discharge of his or her duty.

Cal. Penal Code section 69 may be charged as a felony for the attempt, by means of any threat or violence, to deter or prevent an executive officer from performing any duty imposed by law, or to knowingly resist, by the use of force or violence, the officer, in the performance of the officer's duty. Sheriff deputies and city police officers are authorized to enforce health orders in the discharge of his or her duty.

Cal. Penal Code section 409.5 allows the health officer to close an area where a calamity has created an immediate menace to public health.

Copies of this Order shall promptly be (1) made available at the County of Fresno Department of Public Health office located at 1221 Fulton Mall, Fresno, CA 93721; and (2) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

Rais Vohra MD

4/21/2023

Rais Vohra, Fresno County Health Officer

Date of Issuance of Order

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

1. If you object to this order, you have a right to arrange for your own legal representative.
2. You have a right to also file for judicial relief to seek release from the order.
3. All requests to contact the County Health Officer will be through the Fresno County Department of Public Health at (559) 600-3332 during normal business hours. After hours, weekends, and holidays notify FCDPH On-Call staff at (559) 352-7067. If no response, contact County Sheriff Dispatch at (559) 600-3111.