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STATEWIDE

As of August 31, 2020, California has created the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, with revised criteria for loosening and tightening restrictions on activities. This replaces the County Data Monitoring List. There are four tiers and every county is assigned to a tier based on the rate of new cases and positivity (percentage of positive tests). Counties must remain in a tier for at least three weeks, and must meet the next tier's criteria for two consecutive weeks before moving to a less restrictive tier. If metrics worsen for two consecutive weeks, the county will be assigned to a more restrictive tier. See the next page for a summary of the Blueprint.



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County risk level	New cases	Positive tests
<p>WIDESPREAD</p> <p>Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed</p>	<p>More than 7</p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p>More than 8%</p> <p>Positive tests</p>
<p>SUBSTANTIAL</p> <p>Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed</p>	<p>4 - 7</p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p>5 - 8%</p> <p>Positive tests</p>
<p>MODERATE</p> <p>Some indoor business operations are open with modifications</p>	<p>1 - 3.9</p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p>2 - 4.9%</p> <p>Positive tests</p>
<p>MINIMAL</p> <p>Most indoor business operations are open with modifications</p>	<p>Less than 1</p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p>Less than 2%</p> <p>Positive tests</p>



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ALAMEDA COUNTY

Tier: Substantial

Rules and Current Status	Phase	Penalties	Details	Resources
<p>The County is in Tier 2 as of September 22, 2020.</p> <p>Per the State’s new Blueprint, Alameda County is in Tier 1 as of August 31, 2020.</p> <p>On August 21, the county <u>announced</u> that certain outdoor activities and services could resume on August 28, per the most recent <u>order</u>.</p>	N/A	<p>Violation of or failure to comply with the August 21 order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.</p> <p>“The violation of any provision of</p>	<p>The status of businesses and activities allowed to operate can be found <u>here</u>. An update from the County is forthcoming.</p> <p>Outdoor activities permitted to resume on August 28 include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming pools • Winery tastings without food 	<p><u>Guidance on use of Face Coverings</u></p> <p><u>Guidance for Delivery Services</u></p> <p><u>Guidance for Dine-in Restaurants</u></p>



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<p>Additionally, schools must continue distance learning.</p> <p>As of July 19, certain outdoor activities may resume. A list of permitted activities and operations can be found in the County’s updated Health Order.</p> <p>Per the state, effective July 13, all counties must close indoor operations for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dine-in restaurants • Wineries and tasting rooms • Movie theaters • Family entertainment centers (for example: bowling alleys, miniature golf, batting cages and arcades) • Zoos and museums • Card rooms <p>Additionally, bars, brewpubs, breweries and pubs must close all operations both indoor and outdoor statewide, unless they are offering</p>		<p>the June 19 order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal care services by hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, skin care, waxing services, and non-medical massage providers. <p>Guidelines for the above outdoor activities can be found here.</p> <p>The July 19 Order allows certain additional business, recreational, social and cultural activities to resume:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allows for small gatherings of individuals from different households or living units to take place in outdoor spaces, subject to certain conditions; 2. Allows child care providers to provide care to all children, not just children of essential workers, and establishes conditions under which youth extracurricular activities may resume; 3. Allows educational institutions to offer career internship and pathways programs; 	<p>Guidance for Restaurants, Wineries, and Bars</p> <p>Alameda County Reopening Plan</p> <p>Alameda County Restaurant Operating Guidance</p> <p>This CA checklist must be posted in workplaces with delivery services.</p> <p>This CA checklist must be posted in workplaces with dine-in services.</p> <p>July 9, 2020 Restaurant Guidance</p> <p>Alameda County Reopening Plan</p>
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<p>sit-down, outdoor dine-in meals. Alcohol can only be sold in the same transaction as a meal.</p> <p>On July 11, the County announced Alameda business would not be able to offer outdoor dining. Drive-through or pick up delivery options are permitted. A guidance was also provided for dining.</p> <p>On June 29, Alameda County announced a pause on reopening which will extend the timeline for the next phase of reopening.</p> <p>On June 18, the county issued an order which allows the reopening of businesses subject to certain conditions. Some of these businesses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care businesses • Grocery stores and farmers' markets 			<p>4. Allows libraries to open for curbside pickup of books and other media;</p> <p>5. Replaces the Prior Order's Social Distancing Protocol with a Site-Specific Protection Plan (Appendix A) for businesses allowed to operate under the Order; and</p> <p>6. Allows certain business providing services with limited person-to-person contact, including appliance repair and pet grooming services, to resume operations.</p> <p>The June 18 order allows limited "additional businesses and activities" to reopen including outdoor dining. Outdoor dining must comply with the guidelines in Appendix C (section 7) of the order. For additional guidance, see FAQ about this order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outdoor seating arrangements limited to six people per table, all from same household or Social Bubble ▪ Tables must be 6 feet apart ▪ Entertainment events not allowed 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farming, livestock, fishing and other food cultivation • Business that provide the necessities of life for economically disadvantage individuals (food, shelter, social services) • Construction • Newspaper, TV, radio and other media services • Gas stations, auto supply, auto repair and dealerships • Bike repair and supply shops • Banks and money remittance services • Services in the real estate industry • Hardware stores • Plumbers, electrician exterminators and other services necessary for habitability, sanitation and operation of residences/businesses • Mailing and shipping services • Educational institutions 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Restaurant must comply with relevant laws, regulations and permitting requirements ▪ Takeout and delivery options strongly encouraged ▪ Alcohol must be sold in the same transaction as a meal. <p>Bars must remain closed to the public, but may provide pickup/takeaway service with the sales of bona fide meals. These meals may be provided by an affiliate restaurant or by a food service provider that partners with the bar. Alcohol and meal delivery must occur in the same transaction at the same location.</p>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laundromats, drycleaners, and laundry service provide • Restaurants and facilities that prepare food • Funeral home providers, mortuaries, cemeteries, and crematoriums • Transportation services • Professional services 				
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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Tier: Moderate

Rules and Current Status	Penalties	Details	Resources
<p>As of September 30, 2020, San Francisco is in the Moderate Tier.</p> <p>Health Order C19-07j (Shelter-In-Place Order) (last updated September 30).</p>	<p>Violation of, or failure to comply with, the Shelter-in-Place Order (dated May 22, last updated June 11) is a</p>	<p>Construction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All construction is allowed. Projects may continue if all work follows required safety protocols. • Those doing work on their own current residence, alone or only with members 	<p>After school programs and summer camps</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-21c about best practices for out-of-</p>



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<p>Order of the Health Officer, dated July 22, requiring face coverings whenever outside the residence if anyone other than a member of your household is within 6 feet, in a workplace except when in a completed enclosed private space or an isolated area, in shared areas of buildings, when preparing food or items for sale to members not part of your household.</p> <p>As of September 30, the following businesses may be open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curbside retail and outdoor businesses. • Construction. • Daycare and preschools with stable groups of up to 12. • Elective surgeries, non-emergency medical and dental appointments. • Elementary schools on a rolling basis (SFUSD will continue distance learning). 	<p>misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.</p> <p>(Health & Safety Code § 120295 et seq.; Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1); San Francisco Administrative Code § 7.17(b).)</p> <p>Violation of, or failure to comply with the face covering order (dated July 22) is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.</p> <p>(Health & Safety Code § 120295 et seq.; Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1);</p>	<p>of the household, may continue without a safety protocol.</p> <p>Curbside operations and outdoor rentals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses may offer curbside pickup directly fronting the business. They cannot exceed the width boundaries associated with their building façade. • Curbside businesses can use an open door or window for pickup or drop off. Business can get a free temporary permit to use the sidewalk, parking lane, or entire street for curbside operations. • Businesses must maintain a 6 foot pedestrian path of travel to remain clear of obstructions at all times. Pickup operations shall not intrude on pedestrian corner clear zones, nor interfere with curb ramps or driveways. • At no time can curbside activities obstruct emergency facilities. • Curbside activities may occupy no more than 50% of the width of the public sidewalk (measuring from face of building to curb) and shall not 	<p>school programs for children and youth (September 11).</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-13b about best practices for summer camps (June 5).</p> <p>**REQUIRED for out-of-school programs Complete and post a Health and Safety Plan (updated September 11).</p> <p>**REQUIRED for summer camp providers Complete and post a Health and Safety Plan (updated June 9).</p> <p>**REQUIRED for all Complete and post the Social Distancing Protocol (updated September 14).</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment for broadcast (no in-person spectators). • Family entertainment outdoors (e.g. carousels, Ferris wheels). • Fitness centers and gyms (outdoor and indoor with limited capacity). • Health emergency indoor respite centers. • Higher and adult education, up to 14 people outdoors. • Hotels, hospitality, short term rentals (including for tourists). • Indoor dining, including indoor food courts in malls (at 25% capacity up to 100 people). • Indoor malls (up to 50% capacity). • Indoor funerals with up to 12 people. • Indoor personal care services, with limited capacity (hair salons, barbershops, nail 	<p>San Francisco Administrative Code § 7.17(b.)</p>	<p>exceed a total width of more than 6 feet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No permanent fixtures may be placed within the public right of way. Any furniture must be removed from the public right of way at close of business. • No fixtures may be bolted or affixed to the sidewalk or any structure. • No alterations may be made to the public sidewalk, including stickers or spray paint, other than social distance markings. All markings must be in accordance with Public Works regulations. • Businesses must maintain the quiet, safety, and cleanliness of the curbside pickup location and its adjacent area. <p>Dental care and elective surgeries: Providers must-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post signage about the Public Health Orders. • Provide hand sanitizer for patients. • Require patients and staff to wear face coverings, or PPE if needed. 	<p>Guidance for out-of-school programs for children and youth (updated August 14).</p> <p>Guidance about ventilation from the Department of Public Health (updated September 12).</p> <p>Guidance for childcare programs (updated September 11).</p> <p>Quick guide for schools when someone has suspected or confirmed COVID-19 (updated August 10).</p> <p>Guidance for staff at programs for children and youth (updated August 10).</p> <p>Childcare providers</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-14e about</p>
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<p>salons, massage establishments, tattoos and piercings).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor retail with approved safety plans. • Manufacturing, warehousing, and logistics. • Museums, zoos, aquariums, gardens, historical sites. • One-on-one personal training indoors. • Outdoor recreation (no contact, no shared equipment, limited capacity). • Parks, beaches, skate parks, dog parks. • Places of worship (indoors at 25% capacity up to 100 people, outdoors up to 200 people 6 feet apart). • Political activities (one person at a time indoors, up to 50 people outdoors). • Political protests (outdoors up to 200 people 6 feet apart). 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have patients screen their health before and during the visit. • Have workers screen their health daily. • Place chairs in waiting areas 6 feet apart. • Remove shared items from waiting areas, like magazines. • Report if patients or staff test positive for COVID-19. • Follow the Public Health directives, which contain a Health and Safety Plan. <p>Drive-in gatherings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each even must be 4 hours long at most. The site must be entirely open to the outdoors on all sides, including the top. • Tickets must be sold before the event, not onsite. • Up to 100 cars can be at the site, 6 feet apart. Bicycles and motorcycles are not allowed. Space for emergency vehicles must be saved. • Only attendees who live with each other can be in each car. Attendees 	<p>best practices for childcare providers (September 11).</p> <p>**REQUIRED Complete and post Health and Safety Plan (September 14).</p> <p>**REQUIRED Complete and post the Social Distancing Protocol (September 11).</p> <p>Guidance about ventilation from the Department of Public Health (September 12).</p> <p>Key messages and resources from Guidance for Childcares (July 31).</p> <p>Curbside operations and outdoor rentals</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-10b about</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private household services, indoors and outdoors. • Professional sports practices and games (no in-person spectators). • Real estate (virtual appointments, limited in-person appointments if no occupants present). • Small outdoor gatherings of up to 12, including religious services and ceremonies . • Summer camps with stable groups of up to 12. • Tour buses and boats. <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October, middle schools will reopen for limited in-person learning on a rolling basis. • In November, high schools will reopen for limited in-person learning on a rolling basis. 		<p>can sit in or on top of their car, but cannot set up a tent or canopy. Attendees can only leave their car when using a restroom. Attendees must wear a face covering if exposed to the outside.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 1 live presenter may speak. The presenter cannot sing or raise their voice. They must wear a face covering and be 12 feet away from everyone else. • Food and non-alcoholic drinks may be sold online. Concessions may be delivered to cars, if everyone wears a face covering during the interaction. <p>Food delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep food in its original packaging when delivering it. • Hot foods must be kept at 135 degrees Fahrenheit or above. • Cold foods must be kept at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or below. • Frozen foods must be kept frozen solid. 	<p>best practices for curbside pickup and dropoff (June 1).</p> <p>**REQUIRED Complete and post a Health and Safety Plan (updated June 1).</p> <p>**REQUIRED Complete and post the Social Distancing Protocol (updated September 14).</p> <p>**REQUIRED Post Curbside Retail Poster (updated August 6).</p> <p>Training resource for businesses complying with curbside retail guidance (updated June 6).</p> <p>Guidance for curbside retail businesses to comply with Directive No. 2020-10b.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD: gyms and fitness centers (indoors, multiple users); movie theaters, contact recreational sports; indoor swimming pools; indoor dining; bars, wineries, and breweries without food (indoor and outdoor); convention and event centers; night clubs; indoor performance spaces; outdoor playgrounds; indoors non-contact recreational sports with shared equipment; and indoors places of worship. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All perishable foods must be labeled with “Process immediately.” Do not leave them at room temperature for more than 30 minutes when delivering. • Wear a face covering when shopping, packing, or delivering items. • When packing food for delivery, workers should wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, practice glove policies, wait outside the restaurant if food is not ready for pickup, avoid picking up utensils and food condiments. • When delivering food, workers should use hand sanitizer before grabbing meal bags from the vehicle, wear a face covering that covers nose and mouth, avoid handling cash, stand 6 feet away from others. <p>Gatherings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each event must be 2 hours long at most. 	<p>Dental care and elective surgeries</p> <p>Signage for posting.</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-09c about best practices for dental health care (June 15).</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-08 about best practices for elective surgeries (May 15).</p> <p>Drive-in gatherings</p> <p>**REQUIRED Complete and post a Health and Safety Plan (updated September 14).</p> <p>**REQUIRED Complete and post a Social Distancing Protocol (updated September 14).</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If people will be eating or drinking, there should not be more than 6 people. • If there will not be food or drink, there should not be more than 12 people. • If planning a larger gathering (religious service, political protest), there should not be more than 200 people. Serving or selling food or drinks is not permitted. • Only 1 person at a time can make announcements. They must wear a face covering and be 12 feet away from everyone else. • Facilities can hold multiple small gatherings, but each group must be kept 6 feet apart if there is a physical barrier in between, or 12 feet apart with no physical barrier. Groups should not mingle or share restrooms. Staff should be specifically assigned to each group. • Houses of worship and campaign offices can allow 1 person inside at a time. 	<p>Tips and FAQ for gatherings (updated September 30).</p> <p>Gatherings</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-19b about best practices for outdoor gatherings (September 14).</p> <p>**REQUIRED for facilities that regularly hold outdoor gatherings Complete and post a Health and Safety Plan (updated September 17).</p> <p>**REQUIRED for all Complete and post a Social Distancing Protocol (updated September 14).</p> <p>Tips and FAQ for gatherings (updated September 14).</p> <p>Gyms and fitness classes</p>
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		<p>Gyms and fitness centers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate outdoors as much as possible. • Limit the number of people to 10% normal capacity inside each individual room, or however many can be safely physically distanced inside for the activity. • Personal trainers can work one-on-one with customers, 12 feet apart when doing cardio or weight training, 6 feet away otherwise. • Lockers, saunas, climbing walls, and childcare facilities must be closed. Customers may only go inside the locker room to use the restrooms. • Set up cardio and weightlifting equipment at least 12 feet apart. • Set up equipment for stretching or outdoor equipment 6 feet apart. • Place equipment so customers are facing away from each other. Provide sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer at each station. Customers must disinfect equipment before and after use. • No indoor cardio classes. 	<p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-31 about best practices for indoor gyms and fitness centers (September 14).</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-27 about best practices for outdoor gyms and fitness centers (September 8).</p> <p>**REQUIRED for indoor gyms Complete and post a Health and Safety Plan (updated September 14). Post indoor gym posters (updated September 15).</p> <p>**REQUIRED for outdoor gyms Complete and post a Health and Safety Plan (updated September 8).</p> <p>**REQUIRED for all</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For outdoor services, do not block streets or sidewalks. Apply to use the sidewalk, parking lane, or private lot for the business. Tents may be set up outside, make sure air can flow freely and no more than one side can be closed. Limit customers so everyone can stay 6 feet apart at all times. <p>Hotels and lodging:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guests should be encouraged to book rooms only with people they already live with. Visitors to rooms are not allowed. Limit physical contact between staff and guests. Guests should park their own cars and use the stairs. Remove vending machines. Screen guests for COVID-19 symptoms when they come in. Everyone in a hotel lobby, elevator, or common area must stay 6 feet apart. Indoor gathering areas must remain closed. These include: indoor fitness centers; indoor pools, hot tubs, and saunas; indoor dining facilities; 	<p>Complete and post the Social Distancing Protocol (updated September 14).</p> <p>Guidance for indoor gyms and fitness centers (updated September 14).</p> <p>Tips and FAQ for outdoor gyms (updated September 9).</p> <p>Tips and FAQ for outdoor fitness classes (updated June 15).</p> <p>Guidance about ventilation from the Department of Public Health (updated September 12).</p> <p>Hotels and lodging</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-29 about best practices for lodging facilities (September 14).</p>
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		<p>ballrooms; conference rooms; business centers; and lounge areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotels must reserve at least 5% of rooms as COVID isolation rooms. Save contact information for guests for at least 3 weeks. Short term rentals must be for an entire home. <p>In-home services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housekeepers, chefs, and other services provided inside people's homes can operate. (NOTE: there are different rules for in-home childcare and tutoring.) Minimize contact during the visit. Open windows and doors to increase ventilation. If possible, provide your own products for the service provider to use. Shared items should be cleaned before and after the visit. All should wear face coverings and stay 6 feet apart. <p>Indoor dining:</p>	<p>**REQUIRED Complete and post a Health and Safety Plan (updated September 14).</p> <p>**REQUIRED Complete and post a Social Distancing Protocol (September 14).</p> <p>**REQUIRED Give all guests a screening handout before check-in (updated September 14).</p> <p>Tips for staying in lodging facilities (updated September 14).</p> <p>Guidance about ventilation from the Department of Public Health (updated September 12).</p> <p>In-home services</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 25% normal maximum capacity for each room, up to 100 people total. Maximum capacity includes patrons who may need to come inside to pick up a takeout meal, and outdoor diners using the restroom. • Set up chairs between every service table 6 feet apart. Do not seat patrons at bars or counters. Tables should only seat up to 6 customers. • Customers may only dine for 2 hours at most. • No serving food or drinks past midnight. • Increase ventilation from the outside. • Screen everyone for COVID-19 symptoms before entrance. • All staff must wear face coverings while at work. Customers must wear face coverings when not actively eating or drinking. • Remove all items customers could share between each other (e.g. condiments bottles, table decorations). 	<p>**REQUIRED Complete and post the Social Distancing Protocol (updated September 14).</p> <p>Guidance for indoor household services (updated June 19).</p> <p>Flyer on staying safe doing house cleaning and cooking services (updated July 30).</p> <p>Indoor retail</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-17 about best practices for indoor retail (June 13).</p> <p>**REQUIRED Complete and post a Health and Safety Plan (updated June 13).</p> <p>**REQUIRED</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only set up glassware and utensils after customers have been seated. Pre-wrap utensils. Customers should pack their own leftovers. • No entertainment allowed, including TVs and performances. • No tableside service, self-service areas, or coat checks. • Disinfect any items used between customers, highly touched surfaces, and highly trafficked areas. • Dishwashers must be provided with protective equipment to prevent splashing onto their faces. <p>Indoor retail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storefront retailers can freely reopen for indoor shopping if their doors open directly to the sidewalk or street. Staff and shoppers must be able to keep 6 feet from others at all times. Stores can operate at no more than 50% of normal maximum occupancy. • Shopping malls can open indoors, at no more than 25% normal maximum 	<p>Complete and post the Social Distancing Protocol (updated September 14).</p> <p>Guidance for in-store retail reopening (updated September 1).</p> <p>Guidance about ventilation from the Department of Public Health (updated September 12).</p> <p>Outdoor recreation groups</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-19b about best practices for outdoor gatherings (September 14).</p> <p>**REQUIRED</p> <p>Complete and post the Social Distancing Protocol (updated September 14).</p> <p>Tips and FAQ for outdoor fitness classes.</p>
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		<p>capacity, and with a safety plan approved by the Health Officer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stores must provide face coverings for the public and everyone who works for them. • Clothing should be cleaned every time a customer tries it on. If the customer brought their own bag, they should bag their own items. <p>Outdoor dining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bars, wineries, and tasting rooms that are not permitted to serve meals still cannot open. • Restaurants must be able to set up tables outside so that patrons are seated 6 feet apart, and another 6 feet is available for pedestrians. Businesses may receive a free temporary permit to use the sidewalk, parking lane, or entire street for dining. • If patrons cannot be spaced 6 feet apart, there must be a hard, tall barrier between tables (e.g. Plexiglass). 	<p>Manufacturers</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-11 about best practices for manufacturers (May 17).</p> <p>**REQUIRED Complete and post a Health and Safety Plan (updated May 17).</p> <p>**REQUIRED Complete and post the Social Distancing Protocol (updated September 14).</p> <p>Guidance about ventilation from the Department of Public Health (updated September 12).</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tables should only seat up to 6 customers. More may be seated if everyone is from the same household. Customers should not be served unless they are seated at a table, and customers should not stand between tables.• All staff must wear face coverings. Restaurants must be able to provide face coverings for customers and any staff, including vendors and gig workers.• Only use umbrellas or shade structures if air can move between them.• Minimize contact between customers by encouraging reservations and menus on smartphones, remove items that can be shared, pre-wrap utensils, only set up glassware and utensils after customers have been seated, have customers pack their own leftovers, only have live entertainment that uses percussive, string, or electronic instruments.• No tableside service, self-service areas, or self-service machines.	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restaurants must disinfect any items used between customers, highly touched surfaces at least once per hour, and high traffic areas at least once per hour. <p>Outdoor recreation groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to 12 adults, including staff, can be in the group. Everyone must wear face coverings and stay 6 feet apart. No contact sports, contact between people, or shared equipment. Allowed groups can be: boot camps, solo dancing classes, yoga classes, tai chi classes, walking tours, Segway tours, and charter boats for fishing or sightseeing.• Instructors must have students sign into each class, using name and phone number, and keep this information on file for at least 3 weeks.• Fitness classes for children under 18 should operate as a summer camp (see summer camp rules). <p>Outdoor sports facilities:</p>	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everyone playing must: play outdoors, avoid indoor facilities (including bathrooms) if possible, stay 6 feet apart, avoid sharing equipment with people they don't live with, play casually (no competitions or group instruction), bring their own drinking water, bring their own hand sanitizer.• Equipment may be rented if the shop has curbside pickup and drop off.• Only outdoor tennis courts can be used. Avoid switching sides and sharing equipment. If playing at a private facility, make a reservation.• For golf, schedule tee time at the course. You may golf in groups of up to 4 people if they don't live with you. No caddies or spectators allowed, unless the player is under 18. Avoid reaching into cups at golf holes. Do not share golf carts. <p>Personal care services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operate as much as possible outdoors. Screen customers for COVID-19 symptoms when they arrive.	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure everyone can stay 6 feet apart. Set up chairs and stations at least 6 feet apart. Use Plexiglass dividers to protect customers and workers.• If using fans, place them so the air doesn't blow from one customer's space to another. Avoid services that involve lengthy blow drying.• Everyone must wear face coverings. Services where customers must take off their face coverings are still not allowed (e.g. shaving beards, body art around the nose and mouth area).• Workers should only serve one customer at a time.• Do not offer food or drink to customers.• Disinfect all items and stations between customers, including linens. Disposable items may be used.• Workers who touch customers must wear new disposable gloves between customers.• Outdoor services must be set up in a space controlled by a licensed	
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		<p>business. Tents may be used, but air must flow freely and no more than one side can be closed. Do not block streets or sidewalks. Apply to use the sidewalk, parking lane, or private lot for the business. Personal care services that involve needles are not allowed outdoors. Hair services that involve rinsing out the hair are not allowed outdoors.</p> <p>Places of worship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple services at the same time may be held, if each group is completely separated at all times. • Indoor services may reopen at 25% capacity, up to 100 people total. • Outdoor services may have up to 200 attendees, 6 feet apart. • Hold remote services for older adults or people with chronic conditions. • Have attendees sign in for each service. • Plan services to be 2 hours long at most. Avoid shouting, chanting, or singing. Only 1 person at a time 	
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		<p>should speak. The speaker must wear a face covering and be 12 feet away from everyone else.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Screen everyone for COVID-19 symptoms before entrance.• Everyone must wear face coverings while attending a religious service. If they must remove their face covering, they must keep their mouth closed and be 6 feet away from others.• Make sure everyone can stay 6 feet apart, by installing barriers, moving podiums, making entrances/exits/aisles one-way, move or block off every other seat or worshipping space, and block off every other bathroom sink.• Prevent people from gathering inside. Close lobbies, meeting rooms, and other common areas.• Attendees seated in the back row should leave first at the end of a service.• Maximize ventilation by opening doors and windows. Consider installing HEPA filters.	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change rituals to prevent COVID-19 transmission, prevent sharing of items and close water vessels, fountains, and fountains.• Encourage worshippers to choose 1 service to attend per week, at most. <p>Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schools must meet safety standards before they can reopen. Each school must apply to reopen.• Elementary schools may currently send in their reopening safety plans. Middle schools may send their safety plans in October. High schools may send their safety plans in November.• Childcare programs and recreational programs outside of school are open.• Schools can provide in-person support for vulnerable children and youth, including special education programs, programs for those experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity, or food insecurity, and students learning English.	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-person support can include occupational and physical therapy, speech and language services, behavioral services if part of an IEP or IFSP, and educational support as part of a targeted intervention strategy.• Facilities serving youth must keep a maximum of 14 children in each space or however many can stay 6 feet apart (whichever is less), keep groups of children separate in separate spaces, assign up to 2 adult staff per group, sessions must last at least 3 weeks, only allow children to enroll in 1 program at a time, and have children 10 years old and over wear a face covering.• Babysitters and nannies can come to the home to care for the children.• Tutors may come to the home, stay 6 feet away if possible, and wear a face covering.• Children should not be taken to the playground or on playdates.	
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Additional City and County of San Francisco Resources

Outdoor sports facilities

[Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-15b](#) about best practices for tennis, pickleball, and golf (September 1).

[Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-24](#) about best practices when operating outdoor pools (September 1).

****REQUIRED**

Complete and post a [Health and Safety Plan](#) (updated June 1).

****REQUIRED**

Complete and post the [Social Distancing Protocol](#) (updated September 14).

Personal care services

[Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-30](#) about best practices for indoor personal services (September 14).

[Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-23](#) about best practices for outdoor personal services (September 1).

****REQUIRED** for indoor services

Complete and post [Health and Safety Plan](#) (updated September 14).

****REQUIRED** for outdoor services

Complete and post [Health and Safety Plan](#) (updated September 1).

****REQUIRED**

Post [indoor personal services poster](#) (updated September 15).

****REQUIRED**

Complete and post [Social Distancing Protocol](#) (updated September 14).

[Tip sheet for operating personal services indoors](#) (updated September 14).

[Screening handout for non-personnel individuals prior to entry to the business](#) (updated September 14).

[Screening handout for personnel](#) (updated September 14).

[Guidance about ventilation from the Department of Public Health](#) (updated September 12).

[Tip sheet for operating personal services outdoors](#) (updated September 1).

Places of worship

****REQUIRED**

Complete and post a [Health and Safety Plan](#) (updated September 17).

****REQUIRED**

Complete and post the [Social Distancing Protocol](#) (updated September 14).

[Tip sheet and FAQ for practitioners at outdoor faith-based gatherings](#) (updated July 21).

[Tip sheet and FAQ for attendees at outdoor faith-based gatherings](#) (updated August 17).

[Best practices for indoor worship](#) (updated September 30).

Restaurants (indoor and outdoor dining)

[Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-16](#) about best practices for outdoor dining (July 1).

[Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-05](#) about best practices for restaurants, food take out and food delivery (May 15).

****REQUIRED**

Complete and post a [Health and Safety Plan](#) (updated June 17).

****REQUIRED**

Complete and post the [Social Distancing Protocol](#) (updated September 14).

****REQUIRED**

Post [outdoor dining signage](#) (updated August 21).

[Guidance for social distancing and health plan and transmission prevention measures](#) (updated June 11).

[Best practices for indoor and outdoor dining establishments](#) (updated September 30).

Restaurants (takeout, food delivery)

[Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-05](#) about best practices for restaurants, food takeout, and food delivery (May 15).

****REQUIRED**

Complete and post [Health and Safety Plan](#) for food takeout and delivery (updated May 8).

****REQUIRED**

Complete and post the [Social Distancing Protocol](#) (updated September 14).

[Guidance](#) about ventilation from the Department of Public Health (updated September 12).

Schools

[Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-33](#) about best practices for schools (September 18).

[Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-26b](#) about best practices for schools providing specialized targeted support services (updated September 11).

****Preparation only**

[Guidance for reopening TK-12 schools for in-person, on-site instruction](#) (updated August 10).

****REQUIRED** for schools providing in-person support services
Complete and post a [Health and Safety Plan](#) (updated September 10).

[Guide for schools when someone has suspected or confirmed COVID-19](#) (updated August 10).

[Guidance for staff for how to do COVID-19 health checks](#) (updated August 10).

[Guidance for reopening institutions of higher education and other adult programs for in-person instruction](#) (updated September 1).

[Guidance about ventilation from the Department of Public Health](#) (updated September 12).



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[Tips for minimizing risks for learning pods](#) (updated September 9).

Warehouse and logistical support

[Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-12](#) about best practices for warehousing and logistical support businesses (May 17).

****REQUIRED**

Complete and post a [Health and Safety Plan](#) (updated May 17).

****REQUIRED**

Complete and post the [Social Distancing Protocol](#) (updated September 14).

[Guidance](#) about ventilation from the Department of Public Health (updated September 12).

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Tier: Substantial

Rules and Current Status	Phase	Penalties	Details	Resources
The County moves to the Substantial Tier as of October 1,	n/a	See Details.	Moving into the red tier means the following sectors can reopen with modifications:	Updated Road to Reopening



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<p>2020. An overview on reopening can be found here.</p> <p>The County remains in Widespread Tier as of September 22, 2020.</p> <p>Per the State’s new Blueprint, Contra Costa County is in the Widespread Tier as of August 31, 2020.</p> <p>As of August 4, Contra Costa Health Services is currently not entertaining applications for waivers to hold in-person instruction.</p> <p>On July 28, the County passed an ordinance establishing fines for violations of health orders.</p> <p>On July 14, the County announced the eviction protections and rent freeze in place would extend to September 30, 2020. The new ordinance temporarily prohibits evictions of residential tenants in Contra Costa County impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places of worship, restaurants, movie theaters and museums can be operated indoors at 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is less • Gyms can reopen indoors at 10% capacity • All personal care services, including massage, can move indoors • Indoor shopping malls can operate at 50% maximum occupancy (instead of 25%). Food courts can also open following the state's guidelines for restaurants. • Indoor retail stores can now operate at 50% capacity (instead of 25%) • Outdoor playgrounds <p>The status of businesses and activities allowed to operate can be found here. Hair salons and barber shops can now operate indoors in Contra Costa County with safety guidelines in place. Indoor shopping malls may also reopen at 25% maximum occupancy as long as public congregation points and food courts are</p>	<p>COVID-19 Resources for Businesses</p> <p>Ordinance Extending Rent Freeze and Eviction Moratorium.</p> <p>School Reopening Guidance</p>
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<p>eviction moratorium also applies to tenants who are small businesses or non-profit organizations.</p> <p>Protections granted to residential renters and small businesses include: Prohibition on Evictions Due to Unpaid Rent; Ban on No-Fault Evictions; Grace Period to Pay Back Rent; No Late Fees; Moratorium on Residential Rent Increases</p> <p>Per the state, effective July 13, all counties must close indoor operations for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dine-in restaurants• Wineries and tasting rooms• Movie theaters• Family entertainment centers (for example: bowling alleys, miniature golf, batting cages and arcades)• Zoos and museums• Card rooms			<p>closed and the mall has approved a COVID-19 safety plan from Contra Costa Health Services. Gyms and fitness centers may begin operating outdoors in accordance with their own guidelines and checklist. Applicable industry guidance can be found here.</p> <p>Per the July 28 ordinance, for health order violations involving non-commercial activities, the amount of the fine is \$100 for a first violation, \$200 for a second violation and \$500 for each additional violation within one year of the initial violation. For violations involving commercial activity, the amount of the fine is \$250 for a first violation, \$500 for a second violation and \$1,000 for each additional violation within one year of the initial violation. If a violation continues for more than one day, each day is a separate violation.</p> <p>The County was on the State’s monitoring list as of July 13. Counties that have remained on the County Monitoring List for three consecutive days will be required to shut down the following industries or activities</p>	
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<p>Additionally, bars, brewpubs, breweries and pubs must close all operations both indoor and outdoor statewide, unless they are offering sit-down, outdoor dine-in meals. Alcohol can only be sold in the same transaction as a meal.</p> <p>On July 11, the County issued an amended social distancing order.</p> <p>On July 7, the County provided an updated Health Order regarding when and where masks are required to be worn. The order requires businesses that are open during the pandemic to ensure their workers and volunteers wear face coverings, and to not serve or allow entry to anyone not wearing face coverings.</p> <p>On July 1, Contra Costa County was listed among the CA counties that must shut down some industries unless they can be modified to operate outside or by pick-up. The closures will apply for a minimum of</p>			<p>unless they can be modified to operate outside or by pick-up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness centers • Worship services • Protests • Offices for non-essential sectors • Personal care services, like nail salons, body waxing and tattoo parlors • Hair salons and barbershops • Malls <p>Per the July 11 amended order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Restaurants and other food facilities: Specific face covering requirements are imposed at establishments that are open for outdoor dining only. Indoor dining remains prohibited under the Social Distancing Order. ▪ Providers of religious services and cultural ceremonies: Indoor religious services and cultural ceremonies are prohibited. Outdoor religious services and cultural ceremonies may be held 	
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<p>three weeks unless extended. These industries include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restaurants,• Wineries and tasting rooms,• Movie theaters,• Family entertainment centers (for examples: bowling alleys, miniature golf, batting cages and arcades),• Zoos and museums, and• Card rooms. <p>The County is also delaying the July 1 reopening of bars, some personal services, indoor dining, gyms and fitness centers, museums, and hotels for tourism.</p>			<p>in accordance with applicable state guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Protests: Indoor protests are prohibited. Outdoor protests may take place in accordance with applicable state guidance.▪ Social Bubble gatherings: Persons over age 2 are required to wear face coverings except when eating or drinking. Under the Social Distancing Order, all gatherings of Social Bubbles must take place outdoors.▪ The appendixes outlining further details and protocol can be found here.	
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MARIN COUNTY

Tier: Substantial

Rules	Penalties	Details	Resources
<p>As of September 15, following businesses may open with modifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail businesses and indoor shopping centers are permitted to operate indoors with modifications, including a maximum capacity of 50%; • Restaurants may operate indoors at 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer; • Libraries may open indoors at 50% capacity; • Places of worship and Cultural Ceremonies are permitted to operate indoors with a maximum capacity of 25% or 100 people, whichever is less. 	<p>Violation of the Public Health Order can be punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.</p>	<p>Each business must complete the COVID-19 Site Specific Protection Plan (Revised Appendix A) prior to reopening. Guidelines for specific businesses can be found here. Furthermore, Marin County provides businesses with a list of resources to assist with businesses reopening.</p> <p>Face Coverings: Face coverings are required in Marin County for everyone over 2 years old when interacting with other who are not members of their household in public or private spaces.</p>	<p>Updated Road to Reopening</p> <p>COVID-19 Resources for Businesses</p>



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<p>Outdoor operations are still limited to 100 people;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gyms and fitness centers are permitted to operate indoors with a maximum capacity of 10%;• Hair salons and barbershops may open indoors with State mandated modifications;• Personal Care Services are permitted to operate indoors with modifications;• Music, Film, and TV Production may resume operations;• Youth sports are permitted to operate indoors with a maximum capacity of 10%;• Museums, Zoos, and Aquariums are allowed to operate indoors at a maximum capacity of 25%;• Movie Theaters are permitted to operate indoors at a maximum			
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<p>capacity of 25% or 100 people, whichever is less.</p> <p>As of August 24, the following short-term lodging establishments could open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotels; • Motels; • Short-term rentals; • Bed & Breakfasts; and • Timeshares <p>These short-term rentals can reopen to tourism based clientele.</p> <p>As of August 10, Marin County allowed the following businesses to open at a limited capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nail Salons (Outdoors only); • Massage Services (Outdoors only); • Esthetician, Skin Care, and Cosmetology Services (Outdoors only); • Gym and Fitness Studios (Outdoors only and limited to fewer than 4 people); and 			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair Salons and Barbershops (Outdoors only) <p>On July 13th, Gov. Gavin Newsom forced all indoor dining to close. Marin County is currently allowing restaurants to provide the following services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out; • Delivery; • Limited seating outdoor dining. <p>Additionally, all indoor malls were closed on July 13. However, if a business at a mall has a second customer entrance that can be accessed from the outside of the mall, it can continue to operate. The following businesses can also reopen with appropriate COVID-19 protocols:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning Services • Child care • General office space • Pet-grooming 			
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NAPA COUNTY

Tier: Substantial

Rules	Penalties	Details	Resources
<p>On August 31st, the following businesses were allowed to reopen with modifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail businesses can open indoors at 50% capacity; • Restaurants can open indoors at 25% maximum capacity; • Gyms and fitness studios can open indoors at 10% capacity; • Hair salons, nail salons, tattoo parlors, and barbershops can open indoors with State required modifications. <p>On July 13th, due to the State order Napa County issued and order closing the following businesses and services:</p>	<p>Violation of the Public Health Order can be punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.</p>	<p>All businesses that chose to open are required to do the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet all state standards • Prepare and post the checklist for their business type • Prepare and post Social Distancing Protocol • Follow face covering requirements <p>The County also provides industry specific guidance with applicable checklists.</p> <p>Face Coverings: Napa County requires the public to wear cloth face coverings when in public in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inside places of business; 	<p>Reopening FAQs</p> <p>OSHA Guidelines to Reopening</p> <p>County Based Resources</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor and outdoor services at brewpubs, breweries, bars and pubs that do not serve sit-down meals• Indoor dining at restaurants• Indoor wineries and tasting rooms• Indoor family entertainment centers• Indoor movie theaters• Indoor zoos and museums• Indoor card rooms <p>The County will allow the following businesses to remain open only for operations that can take place outdoors or by curbside pick-up;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fitness Centers• Worship Services• Protests• Offices for non-essential business sectors (list of essential sectors here: https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In workplaces and office spaces when interacting with any person and 6 feet of physical distancing cannot be accomplished; and• In public buildings.	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal care services including nail salons, waxing, massage therapy, day spas, and tattoo parlors • Hair salons and barber shops • Indoor malls 			
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SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Tier: Substantial

Rules	Penalties	Details	Resources
<p>The County moves to the Substantial Tier. The County issued an updated order on September 29, 2020 regarding reopening.</p> <p>The County remains in the Widespread Tier as of September 22, 2020.</p> <p>Per the State’s new Blueprint, Sacramento County is in the</p>		<p>In alignment with the Substantial Tier , the following sectors are open for INDOOR operations. These sectors must still maintain mitigation measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All retail (maximum 50% capacity) Critical infrastructure (https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/) Gyms and fitness centers (maximum 10% capacity) Hair salons and barbershops 	<p>Guidance for Face Coverings</p> <p>Allowable Activities and Restrictions for indoor Operations</p> <p>Social Distancing Protocols</p>



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<p>Widespread Tier as of August 31, 2020. The county issued an order specifying allowable activities.</p> <p>On July 14, the county issued a public health order prohibiting certain indoor operations.</p> <p>Outdoor operations may be conducted under a tent, canopy or other sun shelter.</p> <p>Bars, pubs, brewpubs and breweries may operate outdoors if they are offering sit-down, outdoor meals.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Movie theaters (maximum 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer) f. Museums, zoos, aquariums (maximum 25% capacity) g. Nail salons and physician-ordered electrolysis operations h. Personal care services (e.g. body waxing, estheticians) i. Places of worship (maximum 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer) j. Professional sports (without live audiences) k. Restaurants (maximum 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer) l. Shopping centers (e.g. malls, destination centers, swap meets, excluding food courts and common areas) (maximum 50% capacity) <p>The status of businesses and activities allowed to operate can be found here. Per the County, the following operations are allowed OUTDOORS only:</p>	<p>Guidance for Restaurants, Bars, and Wineries</p> <p>County Resource Page for Businesses and Workers</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Personal care services (nail salons, body waxing, estheticians) b. Museums, zoos, aquariums c. Places of worship d. Movie theaters e. Gyms and fitness centers f. Restaurants g. Wineries h. Family Entertainment Centers (e.g. bowling alleys, miniature golf, batting cages and arcades) i. Cardrooms, satellite wagering, Bars, pubs, brewpubs and breweries may operate outdoors if they are offering sit-down, outdoor meals. Outdoor operations may be conducted under a tent, canopy or other sun shelter as long as no more than one side is closed. <p>The following are open for INDOOR operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Critical infrastructure b. Hair salons and barbershops c. All retail (25% maximum capacity) d. Shopping centers i.e. Malls, destination centers, swap meets, 	
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		<p>excluding food courts and common areas (maximum 25% capacity)</p> <p>e. Professional sports (without live audiences)</p> <p>Bars, breweries and distilleries are prohibited from operating with the exception of those serving sit-down meals.</p> <p>Per the July 14 order, the following: INDOOR operations are prohibited until further notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dine-in restaurants b. Movie theaters c. Family entertainment centers (e.g. bowling alleys, miniature golf, batting cages and arcades) d. Zoos and museums (indoors) e. Cardrooms f. Winery and tasting rooms (indoors) g. Bars, brewpubs, breweries, and pubs (both indoors and outdoors) h. Gyms and fitness centers i. Places of worship j. Indoor protests 	
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		k. Offices for non-critical infrastructure sectors l. Personal care services m. Hair salons and barbershops n. Indoor malls	
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SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Tier: Substantial

Rules	Phase	Penalties	Details	Resources
<p>As of September 8, 2020, the following businesses and activities are allowed to open to limited operations (i.e., outdoor service, reduced capacity), subject to local county requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical infrastructure sectors • Limited contact services (e.g., watch repair, tailors) • Personal care services • Retail stores • Shopping malls 	Phase 2	<p>Violation of this order may be treated as an “imminent threat and menace to public health” and a “public nuisance,” and may be punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.</p>	<p>Social Distancing Protocol – the business must prepare, submit, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol for each facility where an employee or customer may be present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The social distancing protocol, to be completed through this web form, replaces all prior social distancing protocols. ii. A copy of the completed protocol must be shared with each employee 	<p>September 8, 2020 “What’s Open Under the State or Local Health Orders?”</p> <p>August 11, 2020 Ordinance Relating to Enforcement of Public Health Orders</p> <p>July 13, 2020 Risk Reduction Order</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museums, zoos, and aquariums • Places of worship • Movie theaters • Hotels and lodging • Gyms and fitness centers • Restaurants • Wineries • Family entertainment centers • Cardrooms • Offices for non-critical infrastructure sectors • Professional sports • Gatherings <p>For a summary of the re-opening requirements for these businesses, see here.</p> <p>On August 11, 2020, the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Ordinance No. NS-9.291, creating a program of civil penalties to enforce the County’s public health orders. Based on this Ordinance:</p>			<p>and be available to each customer upon request.</p> <p>iii. Once the on-line form is completed, the web form will generate a COVID-19 PREPARED Sign and Social Distancing Protocol Visitor Info. Sheet. This signage must be posted near the entrance of the facility, and be visible to the public from the outside of the facility.</p> <p>Density Limitations – the business must limit the number of people present in the facility to no more than 1 employee per 250 sq. ft. and 1 customer per 150 sq. ft.</p> <p>Mandatory Reporting for Personnel Contracting COVID-19 – if an employee is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 and was inside the facility within 48 hours of the employee first displaying symptoms or being tested positive, then the business must report the positive case no later than 4 hours after discovery to the County’s Public Health Department here.</p>	<p>(issued on July 2, 2020)</p> <p>Executive Summary of July 13, 2020 Risk Reduction Order</p> <p>Web Form to Complete and Submit Social Distancing Protocol</p> <p>Protocol for Reporting Positive COVID-19 Case in the Workplace</p> <p>Businesses Closed in Santa Clara County, as of July 17, 2020</p> <p>Santa Clara County Coronavirus Updates Website</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An individual who violates a public health order may be fined \$25 - \$500. • A business that violates a public health order may be fined \$250 - \$5,000. <p>Three businesses have already been issued notices of violation. See here for the Ordinance.</p> <p>As of July 15, 2020, the following industries are closed for indoor operations in Santa Clara County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurants • Wineries and tasting rooms • Movie theaters • Cardrooms • Family entertainment centers • Zoos and museums • Bars, breweries, and pubs (indoor and outdoor) • Places of worship and cultural ceremonies, like weddings and funerals • Protests 			<p>List of facilities that must remain closed because of the high-risk of COVID-19 transmission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any indoor facility where activities take place that would require removal of a face covering (e.g., indoor dining, indoor bars, indoor swimming pools, smoking lounges, saunas, steam rooms, and heated exercise studios). • Professional sports stadiums and arenas. • Non-residential adult and elder day care facilities • Amusement and theme parks. • Nightclubs, music and concert venues, and indoor theaters. • Indoor playgrounds and amusement centers (e.g., bounce centers, ball pits, and laser tag). 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gyms and fitness centers • Offices in non-essential sectors • Personal care services, e.g., nail salons, body waxing, tattoo parlors • Hair salons and barbershops • Shopping malls <p>See here for more information.</p> <p>As of July 13, 2020, you may reopen your businesses in the County, but only if you comply with each of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximize telework options for employees, • Shift business activities to outdoor setting, as much as possible, • Submit social distancing protocol, • Observe density limitations, and 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any additional businesses or facilities that the Health Officer specifies in a directive or order must be closed. <p>Face Covering – All persons are required to wear a face covering if (1) entering, or in line to enter, any business, (2) waiting for or riding on public transit, (3) in the workplace, including when passing through common areas like hallways, stairways, and elevators, and (4) outdoors in public spaces and cannot maintain a 6-foot social distance from people outside your household. See here for more information regarding Santa Clara’s face covering requirements.</p>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit mandatory reporting for personnel contracting COVID-19. <p>Facilities identified by the County as creating high-risk of COVID-19 transmission cannot reopen.</p>				
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SAN MATEO COUNTY

Tier: Substantial

Rules and Current Status	Penalties	Details	Resources
<p>Order of the Health Officer requiring face coverings (dated May 19).</p> <p>Safer Community Order (effective June 18) supersedes and replaces the prior Shelter in Place Order.</p> <p>Order of the Health Officer (effective July 14) supersedes the previous June 15 Order of the Health Officer.</p>	<p>Violation of or failure to comply with the Safer Community Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.</p> <p>(Health & Safety Code § 120295 et</p>	<p>San Mateo County is following State of California issued guidelines for specific business sectors.</p> <p>Before reopening, all facilities must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Perform a detailed risk assessment and create site-specific plan; (2) Train employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, including how to 	<p>Employer Playbook for a Safe Reopening</p> <p>San Mateo County follows California’s published guidance for industry reopening. See list of guides here.</p> <p>Guidance sheets:</p>



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<p>As of August 1, San Mateo County is on the State's COVID-19 watch list.</p> <p>All businesses permitted to continue operations must post a Social Distancing Protocol (last updated June 17) for each facility in the county frequented by personnel or members of the public.</p> <p>As of June 17, San Mateo County has allowed the following businesses to reopen, with modifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential activities • Real estate transactions • Outdoor recreation within 10 miles of one's home • Low-risk outdoor businesses • Funerals with less than 10 attending • Residential moves • Vehicle-based gatherings • Child care and camps no less than 3 weeks • Curbside retail 	<p>seq.; Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1.)</p> <p>Violation of the order requiring face coverings is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.</p> <p>(Health & Safety Code § 120295 et seq.; Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1.)</p> <p>As of August 4, San Mateo County has permitted law enforcement to fine individuals who violate health orders (including refusing to wear a face covering) and commercial</p>	<p>screen for symptoms and when to stay home;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (3) Set up individual control measures and screenings; (4) Put disinfection protocols in place; (5) Establish physical distancing guidelines. <p>If the state has not created a checklist for the specific business or sector, the business must still create a plan.</p> <p>As of August 31, the following sectors are open, with modifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appliance repair shops • Aquariums (indoor at max 25% capacity) • Auto repair shops • Banks and credit unions • Body waxing studios (indoors) • Bookstores (indoor at max 50% capacity) • Campgrounds and outdoor recreation • Cardrooms (outdoors only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and livestock • Auto dealerships • Campgrounds and outdoor recreation • Cardrooms and racetracks • Childcare • Cohorts for children and youth • Communications infrastructure • Construction • Day camps • Delivery services • Energy and utilities • Family friendly practices for employers • Food packing • Gyms and fitness centers • Hair salons and barbershops • Higher education • Hotels and lodging
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing and logistics to support retail • Services that do not require close customer contact • Offices when telework is not possible • Outdoor museums • Recreational activities beyond 10 miles from one's home • Indoor and outdoor pools • Car parades • Places of worship • In-store retail • All beach access and activities • Charter boats • Restaurants, wineries & bars (dine-in and outdoor) • Hair salons and barber shops • Family entertainment centers • Zoos and museums • Gyms and fitness centers • Gatherings less than 50 • Hotels for tourism and individual travel 	<p>entities who allow these violations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual can receive a \$100 fine for the first violation, \$200 for the second and \$500 for additional violations within the same year. • Commercial entities can receive a minimum fine of \$250 and a maximum of \$3,000 per violation, depending on the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carwashes • Childcare • Clothing and shoe stores (indoor at max 50% capacity) • Convenience stores • Cultural ceremonies (indoor at max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer) • Dance studios (indoor at max 10% capacity) • Day camps • Doctors and dentists • Dog walkers • Door-to-door sales and services • Drive-in theaters (outdoors only) • Dry cleaners • Electricians • Electrologists • Estheticians • Family entertainment centers (outdoors only, e.g. kart racing, mini golf, batting cages) • Farmers markets • Fire stations • Florists (indoor max 50% capacity) • Food banks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life sciences • Limited services • Logistics and warehousing facilities • Manufacturing • Mining and logging • Movie theaters and family entertainment centers • Music, film, and TV production • Office workspaces • Outdoor museums • Personal care services • Places of worship and cultural ceremonies • Ports • Public transit • Real estate • Restaurants (outdoor dining, take-out, drive through, delivery) • Restaurants, wineries, and bars • Retail
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card rooms • Campgrounds and outdoor recreation • Day camps <p>As of August 1, however, the following business must cease indoor operations (they may modify to operate outside):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gyms and fitness centers • Places of worship and cultural ceremonies (e.g. weddings, funerals) • Offices for non-critical infrastructure sectors • Personal care services (e.g. nail salons, body waxing) <p>As of August 31, hair salons, barbershops, and shopping malls may reopen indoors with modifications.</p> <p>Reopening TBD includes indoor playgrounds, live theater, saunas and steam rooms, nightclubs,</p>	<p>gravity of the health risk, prior warnings and good faith efforts to comply.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas stations • Government services • Grocery stores (indoor max 50% capacity) • Gyms and fitness centers (indoor max 10% capacity) • Hair salons and barbershops • Handypersons/general contractors • Higher education institutions (indoor at max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is less). Courses in certain indoor settings like labs and studio arts may be open at regular capacity. • Home and furnishing stores (indoor max 50% capacity) • Hospitals and urgent care • Hotels and lodging • HVAC services • Jewelry stores (indoor max 50% capacity) • Landscapers • Laundromats and laundry services • Libraries (indoor max 50% capacity) • Massage therapy studios 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools • Shopping centers • Support for working families • Youth sports • Zoos and aquariums <p>Checklists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and livestock • Auto dealerships • Cardrooms and racetracks • Childcare • Communications infrastructure • Construction • Day camps • Delivery services • Energy and utilities • Food packing • Gyms and fitness centers • Hair salons and barbershops • Hotels and lodging
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concert venues, festivals, theme parks and higher education.

- Movie theaters (indoor max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
- Museums (indoor max 25% capacity)
- Nail salons
- Offices for non-essential businesses should work remotely
- Pet groomers
- Pharmacies
- Piercing shops
- Places of worship (indoor max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
- Plumbing services
- Police stations
- Professional sports (without live audiences)
- Racetracks (without spectators)
- Residential and janitorial cleaning services
- Restaurants (dine-in) (indoor max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
- Restaurants (take-out and delivery)
- Retailers (indoor max 50% capacity)
- Satellite wagering sites (outdoor only)
- [Life sciences](#)
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shopping malls (indoor max 50% capacity, common areas must be closed, food courts must reduce capacity) • Short term lodging rentals • Skin care services • Sporting good stores (indoor max 50% capacity) • State and local government offices • Swimming pools (outdoors) • Tattoo parlors • Toy stores (indoor max 50% capacity) • Weddings (ceremonies only, indoor max capacity 25% or 100 people, whichever is fewer) • Wineries (outdoors) • Yoga studios (indoor max 10% capacity) • Zoos (indoor max 25% capacity) <p>As of September 22, the following sectors are CLOSED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bars where no meals are provided • Breweries where no meals are provided • Concert venues 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention centers • Distilleries where no meals are provided • Festivals • Indoor playgrounds • Live theater • Nightclubs • Saunas and steam rooms • Schools • Theme parks 	
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Tier: Widespread

Rules	Penalties	Details	Resources
<p>As of August 31, the following businesses were allowed to open indoors with modifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair salons and barbershops can operate indoors with State required modifications; 	<p>Effective August 6, the Sonoma County Health Order Enforcement Ordinance allows for individual to be</p>	<p>All businesses operating in the county shall prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol & COVID-19 Site-Specific Protection Plan (the Plan). The Plan must explain how the business is achieving the following, as applicable:</p>	<p>Sector Specific Guidelines</p> <p>State Stay-at-Home Order</p> <p>Public Order FAQ</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor shopping malls may open at 25% maximum capacity; • Retail stores may open at 25% maximum capacity with modifications; and • Grocery stores may open at 50% maximum capacity with modifications. <p>As of August 25, the following businesses are allowed be open in Sonoma County with restrictions to outdoor services only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Airlines • Auto Dealerships • Bicycle shops • Botanical gardens • Campgrounds & RV Parks • Car washes • Casinos • Childcare • Communication infrastructure • Construction 	<p>cited and fined \$100 for non-commercial violation and up to \$10,000 for businesses. Violations include failing to wear facial coverings, not participating in safe social distancing when in public or taking part in gatherings of more than 12 people who aren't sheltering in the same household.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limiting the number of people who can enter into the facility at any one time to ensure that social distancing; • Where lines may form at a facility, marking 6 foot increments; • Providing hand sanitizer, soap and water, or effective disinfectant at or near the entrance of the facility, and in locations where there is high-frequency employee interaction with members of the public (e.g. cashiers); • Providing for contactless payment systems or, if not feasible to do so, the providing for disinfecting all payment portals, pens and styluses after each use; • Regularly disinfecting other high-touch surfaces; and • Posting a sign at the entrance of the facility informing all employees and customers that they should: avoid entering the facility if they have a cough or fever; maintain a minimum 6-foot distance from one another; sneeze and cough into one's elbow; 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery services • Dog walkers • Energy & utilities • Faith-based counseling • Farm & produce stands • Farmer’s markets • Film, music, video production & studios • Financial institutions • Florists • Food banks • Food packing • Gas stations • Golf courses • Government agencies • Grocery stores • Hardware stores • Healthcare operations • Hotels, motels & short-term lodging facilities • Janitorial & cleaning services • Landscaping • Laundromats & dry cleaners • Life sciences • Logistics & warehousing facilities 		<p>not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact.</p> <p>Face Coverings: Sonoma County requires the public to wear a cloth face covering in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When inside or in line to enter any business; • When inside or at any location or facility engaging in Minimum Basic Operations or seeking or receiving Essential Government Functions; • When engaged in Essential Infrastructure work; • When obtaining services at Healthcare Operations; • When waiting for or riding on public transportation, taxis, private car services, or ride-sharing vehicles; • When walking through common areas such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities; and • Whenever unable to maintain a 6 foot distance from another person who is not a member of the individual’s own 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing • Media services • Mining & logging • Mobile & fixed mechanics • Nurseries & garden supply • Open air galleries • Outdoor museums • Outdoor recreation & equipment rental • Outdoor sport fishing business • Parks • Pet groomers • Ports • Private transportation • Real estate • Retail stores <p>Some businesses are allowed to reopen, but are limited to outdoor services only. See the list below businesses restricted to outdoor services.</p> <p>On July 13th, due to California’s order Sonoma County closed all of the</p>		household or living unit, whether indoors or outdoors.	
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<p>following indoor activities, but may offer outside services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurants • Wineries/tasting rooms • Bars, clubs, breweries, brewpubs, and distilleries • Movie theaters • Family entertainment centers • Zoos, museums • Card rooms <p>Those businesses that must close their indoor activities can offer the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor dining and takeout; • Wineries and tasting rooms may operate outdoors without being required to serve food; • Bars, clubs, breweries, brewpubs, and distilleries may serve alcohol outdoors, but only in the same transaction as a meal. 			
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