

BAY AREA

COVID-19 Regulations Tracker



Fox Rothschild LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

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.



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

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



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

COUNTY REGULATIONS

[Alameda](#)

[Marin](#)

[Santa Clara](#)

[City and County of San Francisco](#)

[Napa](#)

[San Mateo](#)

[Contra Costa](#)

[Sacramento](#)

[Sonoma](#)

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Tier: Moderate

Rules and Current Status	Phase	Penalties	Details	Resources
<p>The County has now entered Tier 3.</p> <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>	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 here.</p> <p>Activities that remain closed include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardrooms, casinos, satellite wagering sites • Community Centers 	<p>Guidance on use of Face Coverings</p> <p>Guidance for Delivery Services</p> <p>Guidance for Dine-in Restaurants</p>



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<p>On August 21, the county announced that certain outdoor activities and services could resume on August 28, per the most recent order. 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>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"> • Door-to-door sales and services • Hot tubs, spas, saunas, steam rooms • Indoor Dining • Indoor Museums • Indoor Entertainment (arcades, billiards, bowling, etc.) • Indoor Estate Sales • Movie theaters • Non-medical Healing Arts (float/cryotherapy) • Offices for Non-Critical Infrastructure Sectors • Playgrounds <p>Public Events & Gatherings (nightclubs, convention centers, concerts & live audience sports, etc.)</p>	<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>
---	--	---	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<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 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>			<p>Recreational Team Sports</p> <p>Theme Parks & Festivals</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 • 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; 	
--	--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care businesses • Grocery stores and farmers' markets • 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 			<p>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;</p> <p>3. Allows educational institutions to offer career internship and pathways programs;</p> <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)</p>	
---	--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<p>operation of residences/businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mailing and shipping services • Educational institutions • Laundromats, drycleaners, and laundry service provide • Restaurants and facilities that prepare food • Funeral home providers, mortuaries, cemeteries, and crematoriums • Transportation services • Professional services 			<p>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 ▪ 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>	
--	--	--	---	--

[Back to list of counties](#)

Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

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>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>Violation of, or failure to comply with, the Shelter-in-Place Order (dated May 22, last updated June 11) is a 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>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 of the household, may continue without a safety protocol. <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 	<p>After school programs and summer camps</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-21c about best practices for out-of-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>



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<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). • 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. 	<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); San Francisco Administrative Code § 7.17(b).)</p>	<p>lane, or entire street for curbside operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 exceed a total width of more than 6 feet. • 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 	<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> <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>
---	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 salons, massage establishments, tattoos and piercings). Indoor retail with approved safety plans. Manufacturing, warehousing, and logistics. Museums, zoos, aquariums, gardens, historical sites. One-on-one personal training indoors. 		<p>markings. All markings must be in accordance with Public Works regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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>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 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>
--	--	--	---



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • 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). 		<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 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. • 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. 	<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 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>
---	--	--	---



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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 	<p>**REQUIRED</p> <p>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> <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>
---	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<p>performance spaces; outdoor playgrounds; indoors non-contact recreational sports with shared equipment; and indoors places of worship.</p>		<p>pickup, avoid picking up utensils and food condiments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 	<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> <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</p>
---	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>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. 	<p>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> <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</p>
--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<p>Customers may only go inside the locker room to use the restrooms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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 	<p>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 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>
--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<p>live with. Visitors to rooms are not allowed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; ballrooms; conference rooms; business centers; and lounge areas. • 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 	<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> <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</p>
--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<p>homes can operate. (NOTE: there are different rules for in-home childcare and tutoring.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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> <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. 	<p>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> <p>**REQUIRED</p> <p>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>
--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • 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. 	<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 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>
--	--	--	---



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 capacity, and with a safety plan approved by the Health Officer. • 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>	<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 Complete and post the Social Distancing Protocol (updated September 14).</p> <p>Tips and FAQ for outdoor fitness classes.</p> <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>
--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<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). • 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. 	<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>
--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• 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	
--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<p>dancing classes, yoga classes, tai chi classes, walking tours, Segway tours, and charter boats for fishing or sightseeing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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> <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.	
--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• 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).	
--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 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.	
		Places of worship:	



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<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 should speak. The speaker must wear a face covering and be 12 feet away from everyone else.• 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	
--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<p>podiums, making entrances/exits/aisles one-way, move or block off every other seat or worshipping space, and block off every other bathroom sink.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• Change rituals to prevent COVID-19 transmission, prevent sharing of items and close water vessels, fonts, 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.	
--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• 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,	
--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<p>only allow children to enroll in 1 program at a time, and have children 10 years old and over wear a face covering.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	
--	--	--	--

Additional City and County of San Francisco Resources

<p>Outdoor sports facilities</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-15b about best practices for tennis, pickleball, and golf (September 1).</p> <p>Directive of the Health Officer No. 2020-24 about best practices when operating outdoor pools (September 1).</p> <p>**REQUIRED</p>

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).

[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).

Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

****REQUIRED**

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

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

[Back to list of counties](#)

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Tier: Substantial

Rules and Current Status	Phase	Penalties	Details	Resources
<p>The County moves to the Substantial Tier as of October 1, 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>	n/a	See Details.	<p>Moving into the red tier means the following sectors can reopen with modifications:</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 	<p>Updated Road to Reopening</p> <p>COVID-19 Resources for Businesses</p> <p>Ordinance Extending Rent Freeze and Eviction Moratorium.</p> <p>School Reopening Guidance</p>



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<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 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</p>			<p>25%). Food courts can also open following the state's guidelines for restaurants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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</p>	
--	--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<p>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>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>\$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 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 	
--	--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<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 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			<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 in accordance with applicable state guidance.▪ 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	
---	--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>Order, all gatherings of Social Bubbles must take place outdoors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The appendixes outlining further details and protocol can be found here. 	
--	--	--	---	--

[Back to list of counties](#)

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%; 	<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>Updated Road to Reopening</p> <p>COVID-19 Resources for Businesses</p>



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. Outdoor operations are still limited to 100 people;• 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;		<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>	
--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 capacity of 25% or 100 people, whichever is less. <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>			
--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<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 • 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. 			
--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<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 			
---	--	--	--

[Back to list of counties](#)

NAPA COUNTY

Tier: Substantial

Rules	Penalties	Details	Resources
<p>On August 31st, the following businesses were allowed to reopen with modifications:</p>	<p>Violation of the Public Health Order can be punishable by</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 	<p>Reopening FAQs</p> <p>OSHA Guidelines to Reopening</p>



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<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> <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>fine, imprisonment, or both.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; • In workplaces and office spaces when interacting with any person and 6 feet of physical distancing cannot be accomplished; and • In public buildings. 	<p>County Based Resources</p>
---	-------------------------------------	---	---



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<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/)• Personal care services including nail salons, waxing, massage therapy, day spas, and tattoo parlors• Hair salons and barber shops• Indoor malls			
--	--	--	--

[Back to list of counties](#)

Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

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 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>In alignment with the Substantial Tier , the following sectors are open for INDOOR operations. These sectors must still maintain mitigation measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All retail (maximum 50% capacity) b. Critical infrastructure (https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/) c. Gyms and fitness centers (maximum 10% capacity) d. Hair salons and barbershops 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) 	<p>Guidance for Face Coverings</p> <p>Allowable Activities and Restrictions for indoor Operations</p> <p>Social Distancing Protocols</p> <p>Guidance for Restaurants, Bars, and Wineries</p> <p>County Resource Page for Businesses and Workers</p>



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<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"> 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> <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 	
--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<p>h. Family Entertainment Centers (e.g. bowling alleys, miniature golf, batting cages and arcades)</p> <p>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> <p>The following are open for INDOOR operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Critical infrastructureb. Hair salons and barbershopsc. All retail (25% maximum capacity)d. Shopping centers i.e. Malls, destination centers, swap meets, excluding food courts and common areas (maximum 25% capacity)e. Professional sports (without live audiences)	
--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

	<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 k. Offices for non-critical infrastructure sectors l. Personal care services m. Hair salons and barbershops n. Indoor malls 	
--	---	--

[Back to list of counties](#)

Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Tier 3: Moderate

Rules	Phase	Penalties	Details	Resources
<p>As of October 15, 2020, the County moved into Tier 3 (orange tier). The following orders are in effect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Risk Reduction Order, in effect as of October 5, 2020 Revised Mandatory Directive for Gatherings, in effect as of October 5, 2020 Revised Mandatory Directive For Dining, Wineries, Bars, And Smoking Lounges, in effect as of October 13, 2020. Revised Social Distancing Protocol must be completed by October 29, 2020. 		<p>The violation of any part of the Risk Reduction Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.</p> <p>The Risk Reduction Order may be enforced by the County Sheriff, all chiefs of police in the County, and all</p>	<p><u>Revised Risk Reduction Order:</u></p> <p>Reopening: Businesses not expressly prohibited from opening are allowed to reopen consistent with State’s Orange Tier.</p> <p>Gatherings: All indoor and outdoor gatherings must comply with the revised <u>Mandatory Directive for Gatherings</u>.</p> <p>Indoor Dining: All indoor dining must comply with the revised <u>Mandatory Directive For Dining, Wineries, Bars, And Smoking Lounges</u>.</p> <p>General Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Telework: All businesses must continue to require workers to do their jobs from home whenever possible. Workers can go into work 	<p>Revised Risk Reduction Order</p> <p>Executive Summary of Revised Risk Reduction Order</p> <p>Mandatory Directive for Gatherings</p> <p>Mandatory Directive for Dining, Wineries, Bars, and Smoking Lounges</p> <p>Revised Social Distancing Protocol</p> <p>County Public Health Orders FAQs</p>



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<p>In accordance with Tier 3 restrictions, the following businesses are now allowed to reopen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor pools may now open • Indoor movie theaters may now operate, but they must limit their capacity to the lesser of 25% of normal capacity or 100 people • Indoor worship services are now allowed, but they must limit their capacity to the lesser of 25% of normal capacity or 100 people • Indoor dining operations and wineries may now operate, but they must limit their capacity to the lesser of 25% of normal capacity or 100 people 		<p>enforcement officers.</p>	<p>only to complete the job duties they can't complete from home.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Social Distancing Protocol Requirements: All businesses must complete and submit a <u>Revised Social Distancing Protocol</u> for each of their facilities. 3. Positive case reporting: All businesses (and governmental entities) are legally required to report to the Public Health Department within 4 hours if they learn that any of their workers are confirmed to be positive for COVID-19. They must also ensure workers alert them if they test positive <p><u>Mandatory Directive for Gatherings:</u></p> <p>The State currently allows gatherings only for purposes of worship services, cultural ceremonies like funerals and weddings (but not wedding receptions, which are prohibited), and protest or political activities. On October 9, 2020, the State issued an order allowing small outdoor private gatherings</p>	
---	--	------------------------------	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bars, brewpubs, and breweries may now operate outdoors • Some family entertainment centers may now operate indoors, but only those facilities used for naturally distanced activities (such as bowling alleys and climbing walls). These facilities must limit their capacity to 25% of normal • Cardrooms may now operate indoors, but they must limit their capacity to 25% of normal • Indoor shopping malls no longer have a capacity limitation, but common areas must remain closed. Note that the Mandatory Directive for Dining does not allow food courts in shopping malls 			<p>with no more than three households. These gatherings must follow the State’s rules, as well as the following County rules:</p> <p>Mandatory requirements for all businesses organizing or hosting gatherings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the Revised Social Distancing Protocol 2. Print and post (1) the updated COVID-19 PREPARED Sign and (2) a Social Distancing Protocol Visitor Information Sheet at all facility entrances 3. Face coverings must be worn by all attendees at all times 4. All businesses must ensure that the number of people in the facility can maintain at least 6 feet of social distance <p>Mandatory requirements for all gatherings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gatherings are strongly encouraged to be held outdoors. 	
---	--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<p>to open any indoor dining areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail businesses and Libraries no longer have a capacity limitation • Gyms and fitness centers may increase their capacity limit to 25% of normal. This also applies also to indoor sports and dance facilities (e.g., gymnastics, martial arts, fencing, and Zumba facilities) • Museums and zoos may increase their capacity limit to 50% of normal 			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Indoor gatherings are strongly discouraged but allowed. 3. Do not attend gatherings if you feel sick or are in a high-risk group. 4. All gatherings must have an identified and designated host who is responsible for ensuring compliance with all requirements 5. Social distancing and hand hygiene must be observed 6. Face coverings must be worn 7. Attendance at gatherings are encouraged to be staggered 8. All singing, chanting, shouting, and wind instrument activities must be performed outdoors and while observing face covering and social distancing requirements 9. Ventilation for indoor gatherings should be maximized 	
---	--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

			<p><u>Mandatory Directive For Dining, Wineries, Bars, And Smoking Lounges:</u></p> <p>Mandatory requirements for all businesses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete the Revised Social Distancing Protocol2. Print and post (1) the updated COVID-19 PREPARED Sign and (2) a Social Distancing Protocol Visitor Information Sheet at all facility entrances3. Face coverings must be worn by all attendees at all times4. All businesses must ensure that the number of people in the facility can maintain at least 6 feet of social distance <p>For Required Safety Measures for Outdoor Service and Additional Requirements for All Outdoor Dining Establishments, please see Mandatory Directive for specific requirements</p>	
--	--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

			<p>Additional Required Safety Measures for Indoor Dining Service:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Specified Indoor Dining Prohibitions: indoor dining continues to be closed in locations that are not dedicated standalone dining establishments (e.g., cafeterias, food courts, etc.)2. Limit Indoor Dining Capacity: Capacity is limited to the lesser of 25% capacity or 100 people. Signage identifying the specific maximum number of customers must be posted.3. Ensure Adequate Social Distancing Between Household Groups: No more than 6 people from 1 household per table, and tables must be at least 10 feet apart. Signage required.4. Institute Individual Screening Measures and Controls for Customers (please see Mandatory Directive for specific requirements)5. Discontinue Entertainment	
--	--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">6. Limit the Duration of Indoor Dining Activity: Food service cannot begin until 5:00 a.m. and must stop after 12:00 a.m. (midnight); customers must leave after 12:30 a.m.7. Restrict Alcohol Service (please see Mandatory Directive for specific requirements)8. Enhance Ventilation and Outdoor Air Exchange (please see Mandatory Directive for specific requirements) <p><u>Revised Social Distancing Protocol:</u></p> <p>All businesses must prepare, submit, and implement a Revised Social Distancing Protocol for each facility where an employee or customer may be present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. The Revised Social Distancing Protocol replaces all prior social distancing protocols.2. A copy of the Revised Social Distancing Protocol must be shared with each	
--	--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

			<p>employee and be available to each customer upon request.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. 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.4. Post the signage required in the Revised Protocol at each entrance of the facility or worksite to inform visitors and workers of social distancing, face covering, and health and hygiene requirements.5. Implement the measures in your Revised Social Distancing Protocol.	
--	--	--	---	--

Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

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>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>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 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>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 screen for symptoms and when to stay home; (3) Set up individual control measures and screenings; (4) Put disinfection protocols in place; (5) Establish physical distancing guidelines. 	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and livestock • Auto dealerships • Campgrounds and outdoor recreation • Cardrooms and racetracks • Childcare • Cohorts for children and youth



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<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 • 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 	<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 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 	<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) • 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Life sciences • Limited services • Logistics and warehousing facilities • Manufacturing • Mining and logging • Movie theaters and family entertainment centers
---	---	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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 	<p>violations within the same year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial entities can receive a minimum fine of \$250 and a maximum of \$3,000 per violation, depending on the gravity of the health risk, prior warnings and good faith efforts to comply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Schools • Shopping centers • Support for working families • Youth sports • Zoos and aquariums <p>Checklists:</p>
---	---	--	---



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, concert venues, festivals, theme parks and higher education.</p>		<p>whichever is less). Courses in certain indoor settings like labs and studio arts may be open at regular capacity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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 	<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 • Life sciences • Limited services • Logistics and warehousing facilities • Manufacturing • Mining and logging
--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie theaters and family entertainment centers • Office workspaces • Outdoor museums • Personal care services • Places of worship and cultural ceremonies • Ports • Public transit • Real estate • Restaurants, wineries, and bars • Restaurants (dine-in) • Retail • Shopping centers • Zoos and aquariums
--	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Convention centers • Distilleries where no meals are provided • Festivals • Indoor playgrounds • Live theater • Nightclubs • Saunas and steam rooms • Schools • Theme parks 	
--	--	---	--

[Back to list of counties](#)

SONOMA COUNTY

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; • 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>Effective August 6, the Sonoma County Health Order Enforcement Ordinance allows for individual to be 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</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> <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); 	<p>Sector Specific Guidelines</p> <p>State Stay-at-Home Order</p> <p>Public Order FAQ</p>

Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<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 • Delivery services • Dog walkers • Energy & utilities • Faith-based counseling • Farm & produce stands • Farmer's markets • Film, music, video production & studios • Financial institutions • Florists 	<p>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"> • 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; not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact. <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; 	
--	---	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Manufacturing• Media services• Mining & logging• Mobile & fixed mechanics• Nurseries & garden supply• Open air galleries• Outdoor museums• Outdoor recreation & equipment rental		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 household or living unit, whether indoors or outdoors.	
--	--	---	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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 			
---	--	--	--



Bay Area COVID-19 Regulations Tracker

<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.			
--	--	--	--

[Back to list of counties](#)