



**ALERT: Shelter in Place Announced for Sonoma County
Effective Immediately**

Dear Members,

A Shelter in Place has been ordered for the County of Sonoma effective at midnight (12:00 AM) Wednesday, March 18. This Health Order will be in place for three weeks until April 7. The Health Order limits activity, travel and business functions to only the most basic and essential needs.

[Click here to read the Official announcement of the Order.](#)

[Click here to read the Official Health Order.](#)

**SHELTER IN PLACE IMPACT GUIDELINES
FROM WINE INSTITUTE**

The [Wine Institute](#) has put together a set of guidelines and resources on the impact that a 'Shelter in Place' order has on wineries and tasting rooms.

Sonoma County becomes the eighth county in California to put this order in place next to Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz.

What does this mean for me, as an individual?

This order require individuals living in these counties to remain in their place of residence and leave only to provide or receive certain 'essential services' or engage in certain 'essential activities' and work for essential businesses and governmental services.

What does this mean for my business operation?

The Wine Institute interprets 'winery businesses' to meet the definition of 'essential businesses' as defined in the County Orders Section 10(f)(15) which states that essential businesses include businesses that supply other essential businesses (grocery stores and other food outlets) with the support or supplies necessary to operate. [View the full guidelines here.](#)

Essential businesses may engage in full operations. For wineries, this includes:

- Vineyard management
- Wine production operations
- Bottling
- Warehousing
- Sales
- Delivery and shipping

NOTE: This does not include wine tasting and events which Governor Newsom recommended on March 15 to be temporarily closed or postponed.

RESOURCES + GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

- Center for Disease Control – [COVID-19 Microsite](#)
- World Health Organization – [COVID-19 Webpage](#)

SBA LOANS APPROVED FOR STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Cal OES indicated the Governor's office forward the declaration request to the SBA based on the information received from seven counties. The seven counties that provided were Calaveras, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Sonoma, and Tuolumne.

All contiguous counties will also be eligible for SBA loans, which means about 34 counties would be eligible so far (waiting to get the list of 34 counties). Other counties are still collecting worksheets, so the Governor's office expects they may have add-ons.

Small businesses or nonprofit asking for financial relief

- The SBA has opened the California coronavirus relief loan process, but currently is working directly with Governor Newsom's office to start the loan application process.
- Constituents can check the Cal OES website www.caloes.ca.gov, the SBA website www.sba.gov for any updates, or contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center directly by calling 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or by e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

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