



March 31: ALERT – Shelter in Place Order Extended through May 3

County of Sonoma Extends Shelter Orders to May 3

The County of Sonoma has extended the Shelter in Place Order effective at 12:01 am on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 through May 3, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer or the State Health Officer.

[Read the Official Announcement and the Order here.](#)

All businesses with a facility in the County, except those where the primary function or activities of the facility are Essential Businesses, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the County except Minimum Basic Operations.

- Businesses may also continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home).
- Essential Businesses are directed to maximize the number of employees who work from home. Essential Businesses may only assign those employees who cannot perform their job duties from home to work outside the home.
- All Essential Businesses shall prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol at each of their facilities at which they are maintaining operations.
- Businesses that include an Essential Business component at their facilities alongside non-essential components must, to the extent feasible, scale down their operations to the Essential Business

component only; provided, however, that mixed retail businesses that are otherwise allowed to operate under this Order may continue to stock and sell non-essential products.

- Essential businesses must follow industry-specific guidance issued by the [California Department of Public Health](#) (CDPH).

Essential Businesses: Defined

Essential Businesses are defined as “Businesses engaged in the production, cultivation, processing, testing, or distribution of food, beverage, or other agricultural products” in the Order.

- These businesses shall be closed to the public, except that retail sales to the public may occur via curbside pick-up, delivery, shipping, farm and produce stands, or farmer’s markets.
- Such businesses include agriculture, farming, ranching, fishing, dairies, creameries, wineries, breweries, and licensed cannabis businesses.

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