



ALERT: Sonoma County Health Order Amended

On May 22, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) posted the Public Health Officer's Variance to Stage 2 of California's Roadmap to Modify the Stay-at-Home Order Attestation signifying that the County has met all the readiness criteria for an increased pace through Stage 2.

This Amendment becomes effective at 12:01 AM on Saturday, May 23 and continues in effect until the order is rescinded, suspended, or amended in writing by the Sonoma County Health Officer or by the State Public Health Officer.

Among the significant changes are:

- Restaurants and food facilities may offer onsite sit-down outdoor meals
- Wineries, tasting rooms, bars, pubs, breweries and craft distilleries may offer: a) curbside pick-up, delivery, shipping; and b) sit-down outdoor meals in accordance with their land use permit and if the business has a food-facility permit (if applicable)

In addition, since businesses are required to have employees conduct a health assessment and temperature check before reporting to work, the County has

developed an electronic application that businesses should be using called the SoCo COVID-19 Check.

IMPORTANT: Wine Institute has provided the following clarifications...

Under the guidance, brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, and wineries located in a county that has been approved for a regional variance can reopen if they offer "sit-down, outdoor, dine-in meals." Alcohol can only be sold in the same transaction as a meal.

To be clear, the amended Health Order does not require a winery (or other establishments) to hold a restaurant license or have a commercial kitchen, and allows a winery to contract with a vendor to "sit-down, outdoor, dine-in meals" provided both businesses follow the guidance, and alcohol is only served in the same transaction as a meal.

[Read the Official Press Release announcing the Order here.](#)

[Read the Official Order here.](#)

SVVGA encourages you to read the order in full, below are highlights and major changes to the Health Order:

3. This Amendment incorporates by reference the May 1, 2020 Order of the Health Officer No. C19-09, the May 7, 2020 Amendment 1 to Order of the Health Officer No. C19-09, and the May 14, 2020 Amendment 2 to Order of the Health Officer No. C19-09. Except as otherwise amended herein, all provisions of that Order remain in full force and effect. This Order incorporates all provisions of these Orders that are not in conflict.

4. All businesses, including public agencies, operating in the County shall comply with local and state orders and guidance, including preparing, posting, and implementing a Social Distancing Protocol at all facilities operating in the County, as well as requiring all employees to perform a self-check for COVID-19 symptoms and temperature check before reporting to their work site or other assignment away from their residence.

5. The following businesses are allowed to operate in accordance with state and local guidance (see links in paragraph 4 above) and persons are allowed to leave their home and travel for the purpose of working at or patronizing the following businesses:

- a. Restaurants and food facilities may provide outdoor sit-down meals. Outdoor seating arrangements shall limit the number of patrons at a single table to no more than ten (10) members of a single household or living unit. People in the same party seated at the same table do not have to be six feet apart. However, all tables need to be separated by six-feet. All members of the party must be present before seating and hosts must bring the entire party to the table at one time. These businesses should continue to encourage drive-thru, delivery, or carry

out whenever possible. Entertainment events are prohibited. These businesses are subject to existing local and state orders and guidance as indicated above in paragraph 4.

b. Brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may operate only as follows:

1. For curbside pick-up, delivery, shipping of food, beverage, or other agricultural products where otherwise allowed by law. These businesses shall otherwise remain closed to the public except as provided below.

These businesses are subject to existing local and state orders and guidance as indicated above in paragraph 4.

2. If they offer sit-down outdoor meals, including outdoor meals provided by contract with another vendor. Outdoor seating arrangements shall limit the number of patrons at a single table to no more than ten (10) members of a single household or living unit. People in the same party seated at the same table do not have to be six feet apart. However, all tables need to be separated by six-feet. All members of the party must be present before seating and hosts must bring the entire party to the table at one time. Alcohol can only be served in the same transaction as a meal. Alcohol only retail sales may only occur after the meal, and only by curbside pick up, delivery, or shipping. Entertainment events are prohibited. These businesses are subject to existing local and state orders and guidance as indicated above in paragraph 4.

Sonoma Valley Safe: Readiness to Re-Open

Sonoma Valley Safe, developed in partnership by the Sonoma Valley Chamber, Sonoma Valley Vintners and Growers and SVVB, **Sonoma Valley Safe** supports local businesses in taking the necessary steps to follow safety and health guidelines, as well as communicate to customers and the community that Sonoma Valley is committed to maintaining the highest safety standards to protect the health and welfare of employees, our community and guests. Read the official Press Release [here](#).

Upon completion of the **Sonoma Valley Safe** Self-Certification Assessment, businesses will take the next step to reopening which includes customer-facing signage to communicate guest expectations for masks and spacing.

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[Click here](#) to view the SVVGA COVID-19 Resource Page for daily updates.

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