



## May 8, 2020 UPDATE: Sonoma County Health Order Updated

Last night, the Sonoma County Health Officer issued an amendment to Sonoma County's current Shelter in Place (SIP) Order, to more closely align with what the State has recently issued.

Governor Gavin Newsom has issued guidelines to allow certain businesses to begin the process of re-opening. These businesses include: retail, manufacturing and logistics, (see below Section 10, iii) can begin opening their doors today, May 8. **They must, however, adhere to industry-specific guidelines. This order DOES NOT permit winery tasting rooms, bars or hospitality centers serving alcohol to reopen at this time.**

This amendment follows Phase 2 of the Governor's [re-opening plan](#), where some lower-risk workplaces can gradually open with adaptations. The state is issuing guidance to help these workplaces reopen safely and we will continue to monitor updates and communicate with our members.

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**We encourage you to read the Sonoma County Order in its entirety.** Below are a few highlights:

- **4** Important progress has been made, but Sonoma County does not meet all of the Governor’s criteria for stage 2 accelerated openings. Specifically, the County needs more time to demonstrate a low prevalence of COVID-19 and no COVID-19 deaths in the last 14 days. The County is close to meeting this criteria, and will continuously review for eligibility to expand business reopening. Nonetheless, in compliance with the Governor’s Roadmap, the County is opening up the maximum range of services currently possible for stage 2 by authorizing nonessential businesses to conduct retail sales by curbside pickup, delivery, or shipping, and authorizing manufacturing and supply chain operations to support businesses identified in this Order.
  
- **7** Notwithstanding the language in paragraph 8 of Order C19-09, all nonessential businesses, if they desire to operate, shall conduct retail sales only by curbside pickup, delivery, or shipping (shopping malls and storefront access shall remain closed to the public). Nonessential Businesses are prohibited from conducting retail sales by any other means. All businesses are encouraged to work with the Economic Development Board to develop, and begin planning to implement, a Social Distancing Protocol (attached as Appendix A to Order of the Health Officer C19-09) that is sector specific to their business in anticipation for when they are authorized to reopen. The Governor has issued industry specific guidance to be followed prior to reopening, which can be located here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>.
  
- **8** In addition to the above, Paragraph 16.f.xx. to Order C19-09 shall be modified to expand the list of “Essential Businesses” eligible to open: Businesses that manufacture and/or supply, or provide logistical support, for Essential Businesses, Essential Infrastructure or other retail businesses allowed under this Order may also operate. This exemption shall not be used as a basis for engaging in sales to the general public from retail storefronts.
  
- **10** Paragraph 16.g. to Order C19-09 allowing “Minimum Basic Operations” for non- essential businesses shall be expanded as follows: For the purposes of this Order, “Minimum Basic Operations” include the following activities when they cannot be performed remotely, provided that there are only the minimum number of persons on-site and persons comply with Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements as defined this Section:
  - i. The minimum necessary activities to maintain and protect the value of the business’s inventory and facilities; ensure security, safety, and sanitation; process payroll and employee benefits; and related functions.
  
  - ii. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate owners, personnel, and contractors of the business being able to continue to work remotely from

their residences, and to ensure that the business can deliver its service remotely.

iii. Retail or wholesale curbside pickup, shipping, or delivery of goods, including but not limited to bookstores, jewelry stores, toy stores, clothing stores, shoe stores, home and furnishing stores, sporting goods stores, antique stores, music stores. Shopping malls and storefront shall remain closed to the public. Retail or wholesale businesses operating under this subsection shall prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol at each of their facilities at which they are maintaining operations. This provision shall only apply to the sale of goods and does not apply to provision of services.

## **Wine Institute Issues Tasting Room Re-opening Guidance and Protocols**

To ensure the highest level of health and safety practices in California wineries during the COVID-19 crisis, Wine Institute has developed comprehensive protocols as guidance for the future reopening of California winery tasting rooms. The Wine Institute will publicly release these documents following review with the Governor's office and is providing the protocols now so that wineries can begin preparations for future re-openings. Wine Institute will also be issuing FAQs on reopening guidelines following the public release.

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE PROTOCOLS](#)

## **New COVID-19 Testing Sites Available**

### ***Open to All Community Members***

Following Governor Gavin Newsom's recent announcement to add more than 80 community coronavirus (COVID-19) testing sites across the State, Sonoma County has launched two new testing sites in Santa Rosa and Petaluma, that will be open to all residents regardless of whether they have coronavirus symptoms or not. The testing sites opened on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, and are provided through a State partnership with OptumServe, a leading health services innovation company.

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### ***For 'at-risk' groups ONLY***

County officials have announced that drive-through the testing site operated by the Department of Health Services (DHS) Disease Control Unit will now be expanded to include five groups of high risk and vulnerable individuals:

- Health care workers (with or without symptoms)
- First responders (with or without symptoms)

- First responders include people who provide 24/7 emergency response, first aid care, or other related assistance either in the course of the person's occupational duties or as a volunteer and include:
- Symptomatic people over 65 years of age
- Symptomatic people with underlying health conditions
- All essential workers (with or without symptoms)
- Examples of essential workers include: grocery store workers, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) caregivers, construction workers, utility workers childcare providers, or anyone who has continued to work under the Shelter in Place health order in an essential function.

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