

COVID-19 Coronavirus Situation Analysis & Talking Points

The COVID-19 situation continues to rapidly evolve and Monterey County CVB is closely monitoring developments. The following information is distilled from a variety of resources including the United States Travel Association, Visit California and the CDC among others. This information will be updated each Friday or as developments warrant.

- According to the CDC, for the majority of people, the immediate risk of being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low. There is not widespread circulation in most communities in the United States
- There are currently no official restrictions on travel in the U.S. All current travel restrictions are specific to travel to or from countries with pronounced coronavirus outbreaks
- California Department of Public Health has issued detailed [guidance](#) for event organizers to minimize risk to participants
- Thus far, of the conference and events impacted by the outbreak in Monterey County most have been postponed, not canceled
- The California State and Government departments have selected Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove as a temporary housing location for up to 24 individuals experiencing mild symptoms from the Grand Princess cruise ship. These travelers will be kept in quarantine and will have no contact with the general public, employees or Monterey County visitors. They are being cared for by external medical professionals. Press release [here](#)
- With the situation evolving rapidly, the U.S. Travel Association encourages the traveling public to follow any guidance offered by the CDC and local and state public health authorities
- U.S. health officials are urging the same personal best practices that are standard for a typical flu season – frequent washing of hands, etc.
- The state of California has declared a state of emergency and Monterey County has declared a local emergency to make it easier to secure emergency state and federal funding and other resources
- Visit California encourages tourism businesses to follow the [CDC's recommendations](#) about the workplace and employees, including guidance on maintaining flexible sick leave policies, encouraging sick workers to stay home and implementing regular environmental cleaning protocols and specific health checks for work-related travel

For additional resources, please visit:

LOCAL/REGIONAL RESOURCES:

[Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula](#)

[City of Monterey](#)

[Visit California](#)

[California Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#)

NATIONAL RESOURCES:

[Centers for Disease Control](#)

[U.S. Travel Association](#)

[Destinations International](#)

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