

COVID-19 Coronavirus Situation Analysis & Talking Points

The COVID-19 situation continues to rapidly evolve and Monterey County CVB is closely monitoring developments and distributing information. The following 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.

California Office of Emergency Services:

- Gov. Gavin Newsom has ordered everyone in California to stay home indefinitely to slow the spread of coronavirus (NOTE: The White House extended its Social Distancing order through April 30). Exceptions involve only essential trips, such as those for grocery shopping and health care appointments. Outdoor exercise is allowed with proper social distancing, but should be done close to home. For specifics for Monterey County, visit the [Monterey County Health Department](#).
- The governor has directed bars, wineries, breweries and brewpubs to temporarily close and restricted access to restaurants to take-out and delivery only. Specifics can be found [here](#).
- The quarantine of passengers from the Grand Princess cruise ship at Asilomar Hotel and Conference Grounds is over. The hotel will remain temporarily closed.

Centers For Disease Control:

- The immediate risk of being exposed to the coronavirus is still low for most Americans, but as the outbreak expands, that risk will increase. [Domestic Travel Advisories](#) are in effect.

Monterey County:

- Conferences and events in Monterey County have been impacted by the outbreak, with both postponements and cancelations. Hotels are working with meeting planners to reschedule.
- All event cancelations, postponements and business closures have been taken as a precautionary measure in full cooperation with recommendations by the state government and health officials to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus.
- The Monterey County CVB Visitor Information Center will remain closed until further notice. Monterey County CVB will assist with visitor inquiries through its Live Chat service at www.SeeMonterey.com.

US Travel Association:

- Travelers should strongly adhere to healthy travel practices, similar to recommendations associated with the U.S. flu season: wash hands often, cough into your elbow and sneeze into a tissue, avoid contact with people who may already be sick, etc.

Visit California:

- Travelers in California should abide by the governor’s directive by staying in their accommodations until they can return home.
- Outdoor exercise is allowed with proper social distancing, but it should be done close to home. [Many state park and beach parking lots](#) are closed. If visitors cannot maintain safe distancing in any public outdoor space, they should leave.
- California’s rural outdoor destinations have limited health care facilities and are expecting coronavirus patients from their communities. California residents and nonresidents should avoid visiting these places to reduce further strain on those facilities from non-coronavirus illnesses or injuries from physical activity.
- Visit California encourages tourism businesses to follow [recommendations from Cal/OSHA](#) and the [CDC](#) about the workplace and employees, including guidance on maintaining flexible sick leave policies, encouraging sick workers to stay home and implementing specific health checks for work-related travel.

For additional resources, please visit:

LOCAL/REGIONAL RESOURCES:

[Monterey County Health Department](#)

[Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula](#) – Monterey, CA

[Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System](#) – Salinas, CA

[Mee Memorial Hospital](#) – King City, CA

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

[City of Monterey](#)

[Visit California](#)

NATIONAL RESOURCES:

[Centers for Disease Control](#)

[U.S. Travel Association](#)

[Destinations International](#)

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