

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.

Monterey County:

- Monterey County's shelter in place order is in effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded or amended by the Health Officer. Additional clarifications have been made to select businesses including retail businesses with curbside pick-up, golf courses and golf driving ranges with physical distancing practices. For specifics, visit [here](#).
- Beginning on April 30, Monterey County Health Office issued a new order requiring members of the public and workers to wear face coverings. This includes when visiting essential businesses, providing essential services, seeking healthcare and waiting or riding on public transportation. The full order can be found [here](#).
- Monterey County park trails are [open for limited use](#) with social distancing. However, [many state park and beach parking lots](#) remain closed. The City of Monterey issued [partial beach closures](#) and use of the Monterey Recreation Trail be for those commuting to and from work only. If visitors cannot maintain safe distancing in any public outdoor space, they should leave.
- The Monterey County CVB Visitor Information Center will remain closed until further notice. Monterey County CVB will assist with visitor inquiries through its ticketing system at www.SeeMonterey.com and through email at: info@seemonterey.com.

California Office of Emergency Services:

- On May 7, the governor has moved the state into Stage 2 of [California's Resilience Roadmap](#), allowing curbside pickup at retail stores, reopening schools, child care, offices and limited hospitality personal services.
- 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](#).

Centers For Disease Control:

- Cases of COVID-19 and instances of community spread are being reported in all states, with people in places where ongoing community spread has been reported are at elevated risk of exposure.

- The CDC has recommended the use of a cloth face cover as an added preventive measure when performing essential services or trips. This is in addition to washing hands often, coughing into your elbow and sneezing into a tissue, avoiding contact with people who may already be sick, etc. Details [here](#).

Visit California:

- Travelers in California should abide by the governor's directive by staying in their accommodations until they can return home.
- 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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