



## Monterey County Media Alert

As of July 8, Monterey County, California has new restrictions in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 over the next three weeks. As a destination where travelers consistently rank its outdoor adventure and scenic beauty as its top two attributes, visitors can still access its 99-miles of coastline including white-sand beaches, more than 600 miles of trails, bountiful water activities, world-class golf and iconic scenic drives.

To assist travelers on what is available to enjoy throughout the destination, Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau has added “Know Before You Go” updates throughout its website, [SeeMonterey.com](https://www.seeMonterey.com), as well as responsible travel information to help educate and inform visitors on how to visit respectfully. Travelers are required to wear face coverings both indoors and outdoors throughout the County, practice social distancing, follow CDC guidelines and leave no trace behind when exploring the destination.

The following are updates to Monterey County.

### LODGING:

Hotels remain open in Monterey County with extensive safety protocols in place. By July 15, almost all remaining hotels and lodging offerings that temporarily closed will be open. A few notable updates:

- [Cannery Row Company](#) in Monterey, as well as [Monterey Bay Inn](#), [Spindrift Inn](#), [Best Western Plus Victorian Inn](#), [Wave Street Inn](#) and [Casa Munras Hotel & Spa](#), have been awarded the World Travel & Tourism Commission “Safe Travels” designation having met or exceeded all health and hygiene protocols outlined by the World Travel & Tourism Council. Cannery Row is the first tourism business on the Central Coast to receive this international designation.
- Carmel-by-the-Sea inns have committed to a [Clean & Safe Pledge](#) for the safety and health of guests, employees and the community.
- Many Monterey County hotels have been recognized by the California Hotel & Lodging Associations Clean + Safe Certified Program including [Sanctuary Beach Resort](#), [Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa](#) and [Stage Coach Lodge](#).
- [Ventana Big Sur](#) will reopen as an all-inclusive resort beginning July 15. A stay will include meals, signature activities and more.

### RESTAURANTS:

Monterey County restaurants will be limited to outdoor dining, takeout and delivery service for at least three weeks. Carmel-by-the-Sea and Pacific Grove have expanded outdoor seating for many restaurants. Takeout service also can be enjoyed picnic-style while enjoying scenic views throughout Monterey County. A few outdoor-seating restaurants include:

- **Big Sur:** [Nepenthe](#), [Big Sur Smokehouse](#), [Coast Big Sur](#)
- **Carmel-by-the-Sea:** [Basil](#), [The Forge](#), [Il Tegamino](#), [Village Corner California Bistro](#)

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- **Carmel Valley:** [Café Rustica](#), [Baja Cantina & Grill](#)
- **Marina:** [Salt Wood Kitchen & Oysterette](#)
- **Monterey:** [Paluca Trattoria](#), [Abalonetti Bar and Grill](#), [Café Fina](#), [Old Fisherman's Grotto](#), [Tarp's Roadhouse](#), [Montrio Bistro](#)
- **Moss Landing:** [Phil's Restaurant](#)
- **Pacific Grove:** [Peppers](#), [Wild Fish](#)
- **Pebble Beach:** [The Bench](#), [Roy's](#)
- **Seaside:** [Gusto Handcrafted Pasta & Pizza](#)

## WINERIES & TASTING ROOMS:

Visitors can enjoy sipping Monterey County wines, including the region's most popular varietals of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, outdoors in Carmel-by-the-Sea, Carmel Valley, Monterey and Salinas Valley. Tasting rooms and wineries that offer outdoor seating can provide services with enhanced safety protocols at this time. Advance reservations are recommended. Visit individual websites for the most up-to-date information. A few tasting rooms and wineries with outdoor space and curbside service include:

- **Carmel-by-the-Sea:** [Manzoni Wines](#), and curbside service at [Scratch Wines](#), [Galante Vineyards](#), [Dawn's Dream Winery](#)
- **Carmel Valley:** [I. Brand & Family](#), [Joyce Wine Company](#), [Albatross Ridge](#), [Seabold Cellars](#)
- **Monterey:** Curbside service at [Comanche Cellars](#), [Pierce Ranch Vineyards](#)
- **Salinas Valley:** [Wrath Wines](#), [Scheid Vineyards](#), [Odonata Winery](#)

## ADDITIONAL UPDATES:

- All indoor attractions including museums, movie theaters, family entertainment centers and the [Monterey Bay Aquarium](#) are closed at this time. Drive-in movie theaters, [Monterey Zoo](#) and [WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca](#) remain open.
- Bars, breweries, pubs and brewpubs are closed at this time. [Alvarado Street Brewery](#) in Monterey and [Alvarado Street Brewery & Bistro](#) in Carmel remain open with food service. [Carmel Craft Brewing Company](#) is offering takeout and delivery service.
- [Outdoor recreation](#) including hiking, biking, kayaking, scuba diving, paddle boarding, whale watching, fishing and golfing remain open and available to enjoy with safety protocols in place.
- Retail stores are open, with health protocols in place.

Please visit [SeeMonterey.com](#) for more details.

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