

Updated Shelter In Place Order from the Seven Bay Area Health Officers – Effective May 4, 2020

This is a partial summary of the new order. For full details, visit www.sccgov.org/coronavirus

The Health Officer Order extends the earlier order to Shelter in Place through May 31, 2020 and allows some businesses and activities to resume. The new order goes into effect on Sunday, May 4, 2020.

What is the difference between this new order and the order that is currently in place?

Because we have successfully slowed the spread of COVID-19, the Order allows certain businesses and activities to resume, including the following (for a full list see www.sccgov.org/coronavirus):

- All construction projects that follow the Construction Project Safety Protocols issued as part of this order;
- All real estate transactions;
- Childcare establishments, summer camps, and educational and recreational programs that provide care for children of persons who are allowed to work outside of their homes, so long as those organizations comply with certain protocols;
- Outdoor businesses such as nurseries, landscaping, and agriculture that normally operated outdoors prior to the shelter in place orders; and
- Use of certain outdoor recreational facilities.

All businesses operating in the County must update or create a Social Distancing Protocol to reflect new requirements specified in the order.

Where there are differences between the local Health Officer's order and the State's order, everyone must follow the stricter restrictions. In some areas, the State order is stricter than the local order.

Why do we need to continue to shelter in place?

At this stage of the pandemic, it is critical that we do not lose the progress we have achieved in controlling the spread of COVID-19. Hospitalizations have stopped increasing for the time being, but more work is needed to safely re-open our communities.

This global pandemic of COVID-19 is still in its early stages. The virus spreads easily, testing capacity is limited and expanding slowly, and vaccine development is just beginning. If we move too fast to ease restrictions, the potential of exponential spread could have grave impacts to health and wellness of our residents as well as the economy.