



Health Order Guidelines in Los Banos

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On July 13, 2020, California Governor Newsom amended the State's Health Order which called for a number of significant changes due to the continued spread of COVID-19.

The closure of these sectors will last for a minimum of three (3) weeks at which time the situation will be reevaluated, and the closures will either be rescinded or continued. Further information and clarification will be provided as it becomes available.

The full July 13, 2020, State Health Order can be viewed here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/SHO%20Order%20Dimming%20Entire%20State%207-13-2020.pdf>

More information on current industry closures can be found at the links below:

State of California

<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/>

July 10th Merced County Health Order

<https://www.co.merced.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/25079/Order-of-Health-Officer-2020-07-10?bidId=>

July 10th Merced County Health Order regarding youth sports

<https://www.co.merced.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/25080/Press-Release---Merced-County-Revises-Stay-Safe-Health-Order-to-Limit-Youth-Sports-7102020?bidId=>

On June 18, 2020, California Governor Newsom announced a statewide mandate for face coverings for all individuals while in public. Face coverings are required to be worn in the following instances:

*Inside of, or in line to enter any indoor public space

*When obtaining healthcare services

*Waiting for or riding in public transportation

*When at the workplace or performing work off-site

*While outdoors in public spaces when social distancing is not feasible

BUSINESSES/ACTIVITIES PERMITTED TO OPERATE

Industry-specific guidelines for businesses/activities that are currently allowed to operate can be found on the Reopen Merced County website here: <https://reopenmercedcounty.com/guidelines/>

*Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers (view list at link below)

- <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>

*Use of outdoor green spaces at parks

- Playgrounds and picnic areas remain closed (July 10, 2020 Order)
- Group sports activities are prohibited (July 10, 2020 Order)

*Use of campgrounds, RV parks, outdoor recreation (view guidelines at link below)

- <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-campgrounds.pdf>

*Use of golf courses/driving ranges (view guidelines at link below)

- <https://www.countyofmerced.com/DocumentCenter/View/24365/Order-MCDPH-Golf-guidelines-4232020?bidId=>

*Socially-distanced outdoor dining (view requirements and permit process for Los Banos restaurants at link below)

- <http://www.losbanos.org/temporary-outdoor-dining-permit/>
- View guidelines here: <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-outdoor-restaurants.pdf>

BUSINESSES/ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO OPERATE

Based on Governor Newsom's Amended Health Order of July 13, 2020, the following businesses/activities shall close their facilities and cease all operations **unless they can be modified to operate outside or by pick-up** <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/>. All sectors, businesses, and establishments not authorized to open or reopen may continue basic minimum operations such as activities to maintain value of the business's inventory, ensure

security, process payroll and employee benefits, or related functions. Violators of these Orders may be subject to fines and/or citations.

*All bar/pub operations

*Indoor dining at restaurants

*Wineries/tasting rooms

*Family entertainment centers (e.g. bowling, movie theaters, theme parks, zoos, museums etc.)

*Other indoor entertainment centers including nightclubs, concert venues, festivals, cardrooms

*Use of playgrounds, picnic areas, indoor facilities at parks

*Youth sports/activities (outside of other sanctioned sectors such as day camps or fitness centers)

- <https://www.co.merced.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/25080/Press-Release---Merced-County-Revises-Stay-Safe-Health-Order-to-Limit-Youth-Sports-7102020?bidId=>

*Worship/religious services

- <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>

*Protests

*Fitness centers including saunas/steam rooms, hot tubs

*Offices for Non-Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers

- <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>

*Personal care services

- Hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, waxing, massage, tattoo parlors

*Shopping malls

- <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-shopping-centers.pdf>

Additional information and updated statistics can be found on the Merced County Department of Public Health website:

<https://www.co.merced.ca.us/3350/Coronavirus-Disease-2019>

Please continue to do your part by social distancing, avoiding gatherings, washing your hands, and wearing your mask while out in public. Remember Los Banos residents, this is a fluid situation and things are constantly changing. We will continue to do our best in providing you the most up-to-date information.

