



County of Santa Cruz

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UPDATES TO THE SHELTER-IN-PLACE (SIP) ORDER

What is different in the May 1st Santa Cruz County Order from the March 31st Order?

- All essential businesses will be required to follow minimum basic safety precautions, including physical distancing and face covering requirements, and post health and safety information (Appendix A).
- Allows non-emergent healthcare services in accordance with State directives and guidance, including elective surgeries and other services which may have been delayed. Healthcare facilities must comply with State guidance around Personal Protective Equipment and other measures.
- Permits construction in accordance with State directives and guidance, with proper physical distancing protocols (Appendix B).
- Permits real estate transactions in accordance with State directives and guidance.
- Permits individuals to move to a new residence; however, if moving into or out of Santa Cruz County, individuals are strongly encouraged to self-quarantine in their new residence for 14 days.
- Permits landscaping and gardening, tree trimming, and other outdoor services.
- Permits wholesale and retail nurseries, and other businesses that support outdoor services.
- Allows the use of golf courses and driving ranges with documented protocols that are outlined Appendix C of the revised order.
- Allows stable groups of 12 or fewer children for recreational or educational purposes. Such activities must be carried out in stable, “closed” groups of 12 or fewer, as described in the Order.
- Outdoor recreational areas and activities with high-touch equipment or that encourage gathering such as team sports, pools and playgrounds will not be permitted to return at this time.
- Adds those who manufacture, distribute, sell, rent, lease, repair or maintain vehicles and other transportation equipment as essential businesses, with social distancing requirements.
- Includes fabric and craft stores as an essential business for purposes of supplying materials to create face coverings and other personal protective equipment (PPE).

What does the modified SIP order say about beaches?

- Beaches will be closed 11:00am – 5:00pm, but may be traversed during these hours for the purposes of water sports.
- Beach parkways will remain open for use during these hours, as will the water.
- Outside of these hours, beaches are only open for recreational activities to promote physical and mental health, such as walking, running, cycling and water sports.
- At no time will sitting, lying, standing, sunbathing, sightseeing, and other non-exercise activities be allowed at beaches. No umbrellas, shade structures, tents, barbeques and grills, coolers, beach chairs, or other conveyances for sitting or lying will be allowed on the beaches.

What does the modified SIP order say about hotels and vacation rentals?

- Although nothing has changed in the order about hotels and vacation rentals, clarifications are made:
 - Hotels, motels, inns, bed and breakfasts, vacation rentals, RV parks, campgrounds, and any other short-term lodging businesses **are prohibited from providing accommodations to any individual** unless that individual is:
 - Present in the County for the purpose of performing services for an Essential Business
 - Performing services at Health Care Operations,
 - Providing an Essential Governmental Function
 - Providing care for a sick individual.
 - Lodging staff is required to keep a written record of the purpose of the guest's stay that is consistent with the terms of the Order and have it available should law enforcement request to see it.
 - Lodgers, business owners, and business operators are all subject to citation for violation of these restrictions.