

Summary of Alameda County Health Officer Orders Issued 5/18/20

The Alameda County Health Officer issued two orders on May 18, 2020:

- 1) An updated Shelter in Place Order to permit some retail activities (HO Order 20-11)
- 2) An order to allow highly regulated vehicle based gatherings (HO Order 20-12)

1) Updated Shelter in Place Order (HO Order 2020-11)

This Order maintains shelter in place and social distancing provisions, and allows some additional businesses to resume operations within Alameda County. It is effective immediately until amended, superseded or rescinded.

Businesses that may resume operations at this time include:

- Retail stores for curbside or storefront pickup, and/or delivery only
- Manufacturing businesses permitted to operate under the state Resilience Roadmap
- Logistics and Warehousing permitted to operate under the state Resilience Roadmap

These businesses must implement Site Specific Protection Plans, as required by California's Resilience Roadmap, as well as any local guidance issued by the Alameda County Department of Public Health, to include the following elements:

- Physical distancing plans for employees and customers
- Administrative controls to stagger employees, breaks, and teleworking for those that can work remotely
- Training for employees on limiting spread of COVID-19 (temperature and/or symptoms screening, hand washing technique, and face covering requirements)
- Disinfection protocols for routine and deep cleaning
- Industry-specific best practices
- Notification of COVID-19 positive cases
- Compliance and documentation

Businesses and activities authorized under previous orders may continue.

Public or Private gatherings of any size remain prohibited.

Everyone should continue to stay and work at home as much as possible, wear a face covering outside their home, and stay at least six feet away from people outside their household.

Non-essential travel remains prohibited.

Where there are differences between the local Health Officer's order and the State's order, the stricter restrictions apply.

2) Order permitting highly regulated vehicle-based gatherings (HO Order 20-12)

This order permits gatherings of up to 200 cars at a time, for no longer than 3 hours, under the following conditions:

- Gathering must be held outdoors, and must be by invite only
- Gatherings of more than 10 cars must have onsite security, requested either through local law enforcement or a private security firm
- Security to ensure compliance with this order, social distancing and face covering requirements
- Parking arrangement must accommodate physical distancing and allow emergency vehicle access
- No food or drink sales are permitted at the event
- Gathering planners must apply for any jurisdictional permits, and be prepared to share their gathering plan with local law enforcement
- Occupants of the cars:
 - must be of the same household
 - must wear face coverings if the windows are open
 - must remain in the car at all times, except to go to the bathroom (if one is provided)
 - may not linger/socialize with occupants of other cars if outside the car

Alameda County takes this step cautiously and will continue to closely monitor COVID-19 data and trends to inform future decisions.

The Bay Area Health Officers are using the following indicators to measure progress against COVID-19. If these move in the right direction, we may be able to ease more restrictions.

1. Whether the total number of cases and hospitalizations is flat or decreasing;
2. Whether we have sufficient hospital bed and surge capacity;
3. Whether there is an adequate supply of personal protective equipment for all health care workers;
4. Whether we are meeting the need for testing, especially for vulnerable populations or those in high-risk settings or occupations; and
5. Whether we have sufficient capacity to investigate all COVID-19 cases and trace all of their contacts, and support isolation and quarantine.