

Joint Communication to Carlsbad Businesses Regarding COVID-19 #8

The [City of Carlsbad](#), [Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce](#) and the [Carlsbad Village Association](#) are committed to providing the most up-to-date information and resources during this time. As the State of California and County of San Diego allow for further reopening of businesses with operational modifications to address the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency we will continue to provide these joint communication updates.

Each of our organizations maintain regularly updated business resources pages on our respective websites. We encourage you to visit.

[City of Carlsbad COVID-19 Business Resource Page](#)

[Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Business Resource Page](#)

[Carlsbad Village Association Website](#)

If you have a question for the city or would like to suggest a topic for an upcoming joint communication or webinar please email business@carlsbadca.gov. Here is the latest.

State and County Allow Further Reopening

This week, the state announced revisions to its criteria for accelerated reopening of businesses in many of counties. According to the state, this would allow for accelerated reopening in 53 of the 58 California counties.

The state is allowing for reopening in four stages which can be found in the state [Resilience Roadmap](#). Right now, San Diego County is in stage two.

The county announced that the state concurs with the fact it meets the criteria for accelerated reopening of businesses including [dine-in restaurants](#), [in-store retail](#) shopping and swap meets. With all open businesses there is operational guidance that needs to be followed. You can find that guidance from the state [here](#).

The county is requiring reopened businesses to post a Safe Reopening Plan which you can find on their website at www.coronavirus-sd.com.

In addition to the [essential businesses](#) that are already allowed to be open, these are the stage two businesses that can operate if they follow state and county rules:

- Manufacturing
- Logistics
- Childcare for those outside the essential workforce consistent with state and county guidelines
- Office-based businesses though teleworking is strongly encouraged
- Select services: car washes, pet grooming, and landscaping

- Outdoor museums, and open gallery spaces and other public spaces with modifications

Before reopening the state is requiring that all businesses:

- Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan
- Train employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, including how to screen themselves for symptoms and stay home if they have them
- Implement individual control measures and screenings
- Implement disinfecting protocols
- Implement physical distancing guidelines

The state has also issued [industry guidance](#) for how to operate specific types of businesses.

As a reminder, the county requires all [essential businesses](#) and reopened businesses to:

- Conduct temperature screening of all employees
- Prohibit employees with a temperature of 100 degrees or more from entering the workplace
- Conduct symptom screenings only when a thermometer is not available and prohibit employees if they have a cough, shortness of breath or trouble breathing or at least two of the following: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell

If you have any questions about what rules apply in our region you can email COVID19BusinessQuestions@sdcounty.ca.gov

The following sectors, businesses, establishments, or activities are still not permitted to operate in California at this time:

- Personal services such as hair and nail salons, tattoo parlors, gyms and fitness studios
- Hospitality services, such as bars, wineries, tasting rooms and lounges
 - Breweries and wineries with appropriate alcohol licenses can sell their products for delivery and curbside pickup
- Entertainment venues, such as movie theaters, gaming, gambling, and arcade venues, and pro sports, indoor museums and gallery spaces, zoos, and libraries
- Community centers, public pools, playgrounds, and picnic areas including those that are a part of an apartment building, HOA or condominium
- Religious services and cultural ceremonies
- Nightclubs
- Concert venues
- Live audience sports
- Festivals

- Theme parks
- Hotels/lodging for leisure and tourism though lodging is allowed for essential workers

These types of operations may not legally open in any county in the state.

County Petitions State to Pilot Additional Reopening

The county has submitted a request to the state for permission to do a pilot program for some stage three businesses. The county has prepared a proposal and sent it to the California Department of Public Health and the Governor. The proposal includes opening:

- Research Labs
- Therapeutic and Peer Support Group (individual therapy and support groups less than 10 participants)
- Modified Youth Sports/Clubs – Not games but physical activity like practices and drills
- Personal Services:
 - Salons by appointment only (25% capacity)
 - Fitness facilities by appointment only (25% capacity)
- HOA, Apartments, Condominium Pools (25% capacity)
- Outdoor religious services

The state has given no indication whether they will accept this proposal. You can get the latest from the county by visiting www.coronavirus-sd.com.

No county has been allowed to move to stage three at this time. Stage three would include:

- Movie theaters
- Religious services
- Sports leagues – without audiences
- Tours, sports fishing
- Arts & Cultural venues
- Colleges & Universities
- Personal services

We understand that there is a lot of information to digest regarding what is allowed and not allowed at this time. If you have questions you can get answers by directly emailing the following:

City of Carlsbad – business@carlsbadca.gov

San Diego County – covid19businessquestions@sdcounty.ca.gov

State of California – essentialservicesinquiries@cdpg.ca.gov

We will continue to provide joint communications and have now held three webinars to help answer questions live.

Responsible reopening of our businesses and public spaces is our collective goal. Your continued support and help are a testament to the resilience of our community. Thank you.

