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County Monitoring List Required COVID-19 Closures Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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On July 7, 2020, Napa County announced the state-mandated closure of the following businesses because of increases in COVID-19 cases:

- All brewpubs, breweries, bars and pubs, both indoor and outdoor services, that do not serve sit-down meals
- Indoor dining at restaurants
- Indoor wineries and tasting rooms
- Indoor family entertainment centers
- Indoor movie theaters
- Indoor zoos and museums
- Indoor cardrooms

Indoor office and staff functions may continue in accordance with State guidance. This document is intended to answer questions related to this closure.

On July 13, 2020, the State of California ordered additional closures for those counties, like Napa County, that are on the County Monitoring List. As of June 13, 2020, the following must close except for operations that can take place outdoors or by curbside pick-up:

- Fitness Centers
- Worship Services
- Protests
- Offices for non-essential business sectors (list of essential sectors here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/>)
- Personal care services including nail salons, waxing, massage therapy, day spas, and tattoo parlors
- Hair salons and barber shops
- Indoor malls



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Why is Napa County required to shut down certain businesses/operations?

On July 13, 2020, the State of California announced measures as part of the State's efforts to address the spread of COVID-19 by announcing statewide closures, including closures already implemented in Napa County on July 9, 2020. The State has developed data metrics that they monitor for each county. These metrics track local disease transmissions rates, hospitalization and testing. The State monitors each county's data and places those counties not meeting the data standards on the "County Monitoring List." Counties on the "County Monitoring List" receive targeted engagement and technical support from the California Department of Public Health. If a county is on the "County Monitoring List" for any one data metric for three consecutive days, the State requires a closure of additional businesses and operations. The State, not Napa County will decide when certain sectors can open again.

Why was Napa County placed on the "County Monitoring List?"

Napa County was placed on the "County Monitoring List" for having a case rate that exceeded 100 new cases per 100,000 population in the last 14 days. The State metric requires that counties stay below 100 new cases per 100,000 population based on the last 14 days. On July 4, 2020, Napa County's 14 day case rate was 137.9 new cases per 100,000 population.

Can Napa County override the State's decision?

No, the County is subject to the requirements of the State of California. The State could send in its Strike Force to shut down businesses if there was noncompliance. The State may also withhold millions of State dollars that support public safety, health and human services, and other County and City public services.

How long is Napa County required to suspend the businesses/operations listed above?

The State of California, not Napa County, will make this decision. Napa County will share updates as they become available.



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Can businesses required to operate outdoors offer any services indoors?

All indoor operations are prohibited and activities like check-in should be relocated outdoors. The exception is restroom access. Restrooms may be indoors, however, face coverings are required and physical distancing protocols should be enforced. **Additionally, outdoor spaces may be accessed by walking through an indoor location with proper physical distancing protocols and the wearing of face coverings.**

What is considered an essential business?

The list of essential businesses and sectors can be found on this list: <https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/>)

These businesses may continue to operate indoors in compliance with State guidance, physical distancing and the use of face coverings. Guidance and other protocols can be found at www.countyofnapa.org/coronavirus.

What happens if a required business/operation does not comply with local and state orders?

In our experience, most businesses want to do the right thing, so we start by making sure the business understands the restrictions. Businesses that nonetheless refuse to comply are subject to enforcement by the State and the local jurisdiction where they are located, and may face consequences that include revocation of licenses and permits, administrative citations, fees and penalties, civil restraining orders, and/or criminal prosecution. More important, however, the State's decision as to whether to allow businesses and operations to resume is dependent on the community's response to State mandated actions. Failure of the businesses to follow the state required closures may result in extended or additional closures. It is in the best interest of the health of the community and the business community to comply with the State and local requirements to avoid further and more countywide punitive action.

I own a brewery or bar with a restaurant. Am I required to close both indoor and outdoor operations?

Brewpubs, breweries, bars, and pubs, should close until those establishments are allowed to resume operation per state guidance and local permission, unless they are offering sit-down meals outdoors only. Alcohol can only be sold in the same transaction as a meal.



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Where can I find more information on the State’s requirements and justification for these actions?

Information can be found on the State’s website at:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Closure-of-Sectors-in-Response-to-COVID-19.aspx>

Additionally, guidance for each sector should continue to be implemented for all outdoor activities.

Guidance documents can be found here: <https://www.countyofnapa.org/2840/Industry-Guidance>

I still have questions, who can I ask?

Businesses should seek information from their industry group or local Chamber of Commerce.

General questions can be sent to coronavirus@countyofnapa.org.