



PRESS RELEASE

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STAY WELL AT HOME ORDER

Low-risk Businesses Reopen, Guidance for Pool Use, and More

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.): To clarify essential businesses within the County of Santa Barbara, the County Health Officer Henning Ansorg, M.D. has issued Health Officer Order No. 2020-8.1. This Order will be effective starting 5:00 p.m. (PDT) Friday May 8, 2020 and continuing until 5:00 p.m. (PDT), on May 31, 2020 or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer (“Health Officer”).

The new order stipulates the following:

Certain low-risk businesses will be able to reopen safely while adhering to social distancing guidelines provided by the Governor and the Santa Barbara County Health Officer.

Social Distancing Protocols Required: Low-risk businesses shall inform all employees and public that they should: avoid entering the facility if they have a cough or fever; maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another; sneeze and cough into a cloth or tissue or, if not available, into one’s elbow; and not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact. Exception is permitted when closer contact is required for fire, law enforcement, first responders, childcare, adult or senior care, care to individuals with special needs, and patient care.

Outdoors Only Multi-Unit Housing Pool Guidance:

- Public pools and spas located outdoors, including those in a home owner’s association (HOA), apartment complex, hotel, motel, country or private club, county or city pool, and gym or fitness club may allow individuals of one household at a time, limited to six individuals from the single living unit, to swim, or to use the deck area and pool restrooms and showers.
- A community center, gym, or fitness club with a pool or spa must keep all other areas closed.
- Medical or therapy pools that provide medically prescribed supervised therapy may continue to operate.
- Public and semi-public pools and spas located indoors must remain closed.

Tennis and/or Pickleball Outdoors Only: Outdoor public and private tennis and pickleball courts may operate, with social distancing requirements and the additional protocols.

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Graduations: public and private distance learning and/or administration only

- Graduations may be provided through streaming or other technology; or outdoor, in-person if all of the following protocols are followed:
- No more than five persons at a time, may enter nearby buildings to put on the presentation.
- Protection against COVID-19:
 - Vulnerable individuals, those with symptoms of COVID-19, and anyone with exposure to a COVID-19 case should not attend.
 - Sharing or exchanging materials such as diplomas, awards, medals, graduation caps, "sign-in" practices, gifts, flowers.

More guidance and the full Health Officer Order can be viewed here:

<https://publichealthsbc.org/health-officer-orders/>

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