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### State issues guidance on closure of sectors in response to COVID-19

Ventura, CA – As COVID-19 transmission rates continue to rise, Governor Newsom issued guidance today that instructs counties that have been on the County Monitoring List for three consecutive days or more to close indoor operations for certain sectors which promote the mixing of populations beyond households and make adherence to physical distancing with face coverings difficult. Within those sectors, those that are not able to continue their business through outdoor operations must close that portion of their business effective immediately for at least three weeks, in order to further mitigate the spread of the virus.

In Ventura County, the following sectors may only operate outdoor operations with appropriate modifications, including physical distancing and face coverings: Dine-in Restaurants, Family Entertainment Centers, Zoos and Museums. In addition, all brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, wineries and tasting rooms must close indoor and outdoor operations. Movie theaters and cardrooms are not allowed to operate at this time.

All industry or sector guidance documents that have been issued to date, including all infectious control measures outlined in those guidance documents, apply in outdoor settings, and must be adhered to.

**Bars Must Close.** All Bars shall be closed to the public until those establishments are allowed to resume operation per state guidance and local permission. A bar is considered any business that is licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on its premises, including but not limited to bars, pubs, brewpubs, breweries, wineries, and distilleries, if the business is not a permitted restaurant by the Ventura County Environmental Health Division.

**Restaurants May Allow Outdoor Dining Only.** Dine-in “Restaurants” shall not allow indoor dining service until those establishments are allowed to resume indoor dining operations per state guidance and local permission. For purposes of this Order, “Restaurant” means any business that is permitted as a restaurant by the Ventura County Environmental Health Division, even if it also possesses a license to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on its premises. Restaurants should continue to encourage takeout and delivery service whenever possible, however, outdoor dining is still permitted following the state guidance: <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-restaurants-bars.pdf>. Restaurants that cannot accommodate outdoor dining can continue to provide take out and delivery services.

**Indoor Zoos and Museums Must Close.** All indoor facilities operated by zoos and museums must be closed to the public until allowed to resume per state guidance and local permission. Outdoor facilities for zoos and museums may remain open following the state guidance: <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-zoos-museums.pdf>.

Businesses that are not in compliance are subject to closure. The State, County and Cities have coordinated enforcement efforts in place and will involve such agencies as State Alcohol and Beverage Control, County Environmental Health, County Sheriff’s Office and local City partners.

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