

All individuals (and businesses) must follow County and State Health Officer orders which are issued under the authority of California law. As a condition of operating, current orders require, among other things, local business compliance with state and local industry-specific guidance and submission of self-certification forms. State Statute explicitly provides that Health Officer orders may be enforced by the local sheriff or other peace officers of the County. Violation of the Orders may subject a person or business to criminal or civil penalties, as well as other legal consequences. In particular, any business that fails to implement the COVID-19 protection measures required under the local orders risks exposing itself to civil liability for negligence, if employees or customers become sick as a result.