

COVID-19

TRANSITIONING TO STAGE 2

SHELTER IN PLACE

The Governor has recently released an outline of a plan for relaxing its stay-at-home orders. The outline includes four stages. Stage 1 is where we are now. Stage 1 includes continuing to build out testing, contact tracing, PPE and hospital surge capacity. It also includes continuing to make essential workplaces as safe as possible, including, physical and work flow adaptation, essential workforce safety net, making PPE more widely available and individual behavior changes. Mendocino County has done all of the things required in Stage 1. More information about the Governor's four Stages is available at the following website: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Update-on-California-Pandemic-Roadmap.pdf>.

The Governor has indicated that the following are indicators of when we will be ready for Stage 2:

- Hospitalization and ICU trends stable.
- Hospital surge capacity to meet demand.
- Sufficient PPE supply to meet demand.
- Sufficient testing capacity to meet demand.
- Contact tracing capacity statewide.

Transition to Stage 2 will occur through a **statewide** modification to the Stay-At-Home Order.

The Governor indicated last Friday, May 1, 2020, that he expects to issue orders taking the State into Stage 2 within a matter of days. The Governor has told the public some of the business, facilities and activities that will be permitted to open in Stage 2 and some that will definitely remain closed, but the status of other business is still unknown.

In preparation for Stage 2, Mendocino County has been working with the business community to develop sector-by-sector safety guidelines for an expanded workforce. In order to determine which businesses can safely reopen, the Health Officer needs to know the actual practices within each sector and their plans for mitigating risks of transmission. This requires business leaders from each sector to create realistic plans for reopening in a manner that reduces risk of transmission through effective, verifiable, and enforceable standards and practices. By reviewing these plans and proposals, the Health Officer is able to make the best informed assessment of the associated health risks to determine when and how that sector can open.

Below is a chart created to let the public know which business, facilities and activities we know that the County will open in Stage 2 (Green), what we know will not be permitted to open in Stage 2, and will not open until Stages 3 or 4 (Red), and those business, facilities and activities where it is still unknown whether opening will be permitted in Stage 2 (Yellow). The Red businesses and facilities are those that the Governor has determined pose too high of a risk for transmission of COVID-19 to be opened at this time.

Green (Open in Stage 2)	Yellow (Will Become Either ←Green or Red→ After Further Review)	Red (Stage 3 or Later)
All Essential Businesses	Restaurants (limited dine-in)	Restaurants (fully open)
All retail – encouraging curb-side pickup	House calls for personal care business (haircutting, massage, nails)	Personal care (barbers, salons, spas, gyms)
Manufacturing	Hotels and vacation rental for in-county tourism	Hotels and vacation rental for all tourism
Offices where telework is not possible	Medium/small gatherings (size to be determined)	Bars, wineries, breweries and pubs
Summer programs for children and childcare facilities (with limitations)	School year starting sooner	Larger gatherings
Outdoor public spaces (golf courses, athletic fields, shooting/archery ranges, etc.)		Entertainment venues (movie theaters, sports stadiums, concert venues)
Disinfection services, including house cleaning		Other venues (churches and, weddings for live audiences, and convention centers, etc.)

Businesses in the Yellow category are still being evaluated for whether they can operate legally and safely under Stage 2. These categories represent businesses or practices that have not been explicitly addressed by the Governor, and which are being watched by the local Health Officer to determine what level of discretion, if any, she will be allowed by the State. The local Health Officer is looking at the practices in this category to determine if they can be safely allowed in Mendocino County in the event she has any authority to permit them under the new State orders in Stage 2.