

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

It is time to relax our SIP and reopen our damaged businesses. The curve has been flattened, the hospitals are empty and the infections within our county are not beyond our county resources (state of emergency). We have had no Covid 19 deaths, but it appears that we have had deaths of despair from the SIP orders.

What motivated me to finally speak up was, I was making plans to visit a business on the coast, but learned they are still closed, even to county residents. The manager expressed frustration that their re-opening plan, submitted weeks ago, has yet to be addressed by the county? I wish as much attention was paid to the cost of the SIP orders, as is paid to the cost of Covid 19 in our community.

My experience, with my "essential" business, is that the vast majority of people are being respectful and cautious, in their own self-interest. As I heard someone ask – "If masks and distancing works, why isn't everything open, and if they don't work, why are wearing them?"

Respectfully,
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