



## **Alameda County Health Officer Order 21-01, issued January 25, 2021**

### ***What does this Order do?***

This Order:

- supersedes the previous Shelter in Place Order (20-21 and 20-21a),
- rescinds Appendix C (approved businesses and activities) included in previous orders,
- rescinds Appendix B (construction activities) as included in previous orders, and
- rescinds Health Officer Order 20-13 (Face Covering Order).

This Order brings Alameda County into alignment with several State Orders and guidance related to COVID-19, and requires businesses and residents to comply with the State's:

- [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#),
- [Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#),
- [Guidance for Gatherings](#), and
- [Industry Guidance](#).

This Order goes into effect at 11:59 PM on January 25, 2021, and will remain in place until amended or rescinded.

### ***Why is this Order being issued now?***

Alameda County has been under a State-ordered Regional Stay at Home Order since mid-December due to insufficient intensive care unit (ICU) bed capacity. On January 25, 2021, Governor Newsom announced that the Bay Area is projected to have sufficient ICU beds and the Regional Stay at Home Order has been lifted. We are using this opportunity to streamline our local orders and guidance and align more closely with the State to reduce confusion for businesses and residents as we move through the Blueprint tiers.

### ***What does this mean for County residents and businesses?***

Alameda County is currently in the Purple Tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, and residents may engage in personal and business activities as permitted or restricted in the Purple Tier.

Businesses must comply with the State's Industry Guidance, which requires a work-site specific protection plan; and [CalOSHA's COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards](#).

There are no additional local restrictions at this time. We continue to provide technical support and guidance through our [workplace guidance](#), [worker resources](#), and list of [approved/closed businesses](#) on our website.

### ***What businesses and activities can resume?***

#### **Outdoors only, with modifications**

- Campgrounds
- Cardrooms and Racetracks
- Family Entertainment Centers and Movie Theaters
- Gyms
- Museums
- Places of Worship and Cultural Ceremonies
- Restaurants, Wineries, and Tasting Rooms
- Zoos and Aquariums

### Indoors, with modifications

- Hair Salons and Barbershops
- Hotels and Lodging (indoor gyms and fitness studios remain closed)
- Personal Care Services, including Massage, Nail Salons and Skin Care Services
- Grocery Stores may increase capacity to 50 percent
- Other Retail may increase capacity to 25 percent

### ***How does this impact school openings?***

Schools are not impacted by the lifting of the Regional Stay at Home Order, and Alameda County is following the State's [newly released framework and guidance](#) on school reopening.

### ***What about gatherings?***

All gatherings pose a higher risk of transmission and spread of COVID-19 when people mix across different households and communities. Public gatherings other than those protected by the First Amendment remain prohibited.

If you must, the State's guidance permits small private gatherings of no more than three households. Such gatherings must be outdoors, with physical distancing and masks, and people who are sick should not attend.

Alameda County's [Vehicle Based Gatherings Order](#) remains in effect.

### ***Are face coverings still required?***

Yes. Consistent with State requirements, everyone two years or older must wear a face covering when outside their home. For specific exemptions, please see the State's guidance for face coverings.