

Mendocino County Public Health



Summary of Changes: Updated Stage 2.5 Health Officer Order Shelter-In-Place Effective 11:59 p.m., May 28, 2020, Until June 12, 2020

Upon meeting Stage 2.5 County variance criteria, and consistent with the Governor's expansion beginning this week of certain new activities and businesses, the Health Officer's Updated Stage 2.5 Order allows additional business activities to resume, namely certain Permissible Higher Risk Businesses including Hair Salons and Barbershops for limited haircut related services, Places of Worship for limited capacity in person religious services and cultural ceremonies, and limited capacity Funeral Services. The Updated Order also includes certain Permissible Higher Risk Activities corresponding to the same and adding in- person political protests with certain protections. The Order also allows a very limited expansion of the use of shared pools for up 12 individuals for prescribed pool-based physical therapy.

The Stage 2.5 Order clarifies that all businesses (including those which were originally identified as Essential Businesses), must file the local self-certification form, developed by the County of Mendocino in collaboration with West Business Development Center, found at https://www.mendocinocountybusiness.org. Any Essential Businesses which have not yet self-certified will have an additional 7 days from today's order to complete the same. The Order also clarifies that Healthcare facilities, such as hospitals and community clinics, which are licensed by the California Department of Public Health are exempt from the self-certification requirement.

Beginning 11:59pm May 28, 2020 (and upon proper self-certification), consistent with the State Guidance, the Health Officer's Order now allows the re-opening of certain Permissible Higher Risk Businesses, specifically Places of Worship (venues such as churches, mosques, temples, and synagogues) for limited in-person religious services and cultural ceremonies provided that each establishment follow the specific COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Places of Worship, et al. (https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf) and additional necessary safety measures, including specific capacity restrictions (up to 25% of the building's maximum occupancy, not to exceed 100 people even for larger buildings), and other social distancing and disinfection measures. All Places of Worship must self-certify as with all other businesses, follow statewide guidance for specifics in all areas and should still continue to facilitate remote services and other related activities for those who are vulnerable to COVID-19, including older adults and those with co-morbidities. Please refer to the Religious Services – Summary posted at https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/health-order.

The Health Officer has also expanded all Funeral Services, consistent with strict adherence to the same capacity restrictions and other guidelines outlined in the COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Places of Worship, et al. (https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf).

Beginning 11:59pm May 28, 2020 (and upon proper self-certification), this Updated Order also allow Hair Salons and Barber Shops to open as Permissible Higher Risk Businesses, for limited haircut related services, i.e., limited to those services that can be provided with both the worker and customer wearing face coverings for the entirety of the service, e.g., haircuts, weaves and extensions, braiding, lock maintenance, wig maintenance, hair relaxing treatments, and color services. Services that require touching the customer's face, e.g., eyelash services, eyebrow services, eyebrow waxing and threading, facials, etc., are suspended until those types of services are allowed to resume by the State and Local

Health Officer Orders. All Hair Salons and Barber Shops must strictly follow the COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Hair Salons and Barbershops (https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hair-salons.pdf), which includes, but is not limited to, necessary safety measures to protect workers and the public, including physical distancing to the maximum extent possible, use of face coverings by workers and customers, frequent handwashing and regular cleaning and disinfection, and training workers on these and other elements of COVID-19 prevent.

Consistent with updated guidance released from the State, the Health Officer has modified her Order to allow in-person political protests, according to specific and necessary safety measures, including limiting attendance to 25% of the relevant area's maximum capacity, requiring social distancing of at least 6 feet between all participants, including law enforcement unless otherwise directed by law enforcement or other applicable authorities. Facial coverings are also required by participants unless they are unable to do so for health-related reasons or barriers to access. Please refer to the Protests – Summary posted at https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/health-order.

In addition to opening the above Permissible Higher Risk Businesses, the Health Officers Updated Order also allows associated Permissible Higher Risk Activities to allow individuals to engage in religious services and cultural ceremonies at Places of Worship, to attend expanded Funeral Service, to obtain haircut related services at Hair Salons and Barbershops, and to engage in political protests as described above.

The Health Officer's Order has also expanded the very limited use of Shared Pools, subject to the Order's restrictions, for pool-based physical therapy (as prescribed by a medical professional) for up to 12 individuals at one time, per pool.