

Summary of Changes:
Updated Stage 3 Health Officer Order Shelter-In-Place & Facial
Covering Orders
Effective 12:00 noon, July 3, 2020

The most recent Health Officer Shelter in Place (SIP) Order becomes effective at 12 noon on Friday, July 3, 2020, will last one month (until noon on August 3), and the Facial Covering Order will remain in effect from July 3 until revised or rescinded. The Updated Stage 3 SIP Order, includes a general reorganization of the Order to remove historical information such as the categories of Essential Businesses and Activities, and focus the order on the current state of permissible activities and businesses opened statewide and for Variance Counties, such as Mendocino. Additionally, the SIP Order provides additional restrictions to certain sectors and activities to ensure public safety in light of the recent surges locally and statewide.

Specifically, the SIP Order reiterates the local and statewide prohibition of all public and private gatherings of any size except for the limited purposes expressly permitted in the Order. Recognizing the statewide concern for increased gatherings, which has led to increased transmission, “Stable Bubbles” (formally Social Bubbles), have been modified. Specifically, the Health Officer requires the reduction of the stable Household Support Unit, from a stable group of 12 to a stable group of 6 members, for those who may occupy separate dwellings but engage in the sort of support and activities which are typical of members of the same household (e.g., carpooling, transporting children, childcare, family recreation, religious services, etc.). The Childcare and Children’s Extracurricular Unit remain unchanged. All Stable Bubbles require a stable group of the same people over at least a four week period. Please refer to the revised infographic: <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=35704>

For businesses, the most significant change in the recent SIP Order, addresses concerns with overcrowding and lack of social distancing in establishments which serve alcohol, e.g., Restaurants (see Section 9.g.), and Tasting Rooms (wineries, breweries, distilleries) and Bars (see Section 9.l.). Therefore, the SIP Order requires such establishments to discontinue serving alcohol at 8:00 p.m. Additionally, indoor and outdoor capacity is restricted to no more customers than there are available seats in the establishment and accounting for required minimum social distancing of at least six feet from members of different households, living units or Stable Bubbles.

Work Groups have also been reduced from a stable group of 12 to a stable group of 6 workers over a 4 week time period, and the Health Officer strongly encourages workplaces to create 2 or more separate, non-overlapping groups to increase protection for workers and to provide a mechanism for keeping businesses open in the event of an outbreak among one of the Work Groups.

In order to reiterate proper messaging to the public accessing open local businesses, the Health Officer has also required all businesses permitted to open, post prominently the new Social Distancing and Face Covering Signage (in addition to required Social Distancing and Hygiene Protocols). The signage can be downloaded at: <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/business/business-resource-for-covid-19>

Both the SIP and Facial Coverings Order, address a new protective measures required for the protection of the worker in those businesses whose workers have prolonged closer contact

with customers within less than six feet. Additional protective measures may include installing plexiglass screens or workers wearing facial shields in addition to a facial covering (i.e., a piece of rigid, clear plastic attached to headband which covers entire face extending from forehead to below the chin at all times, including when speaking). As referenced in paragraph 17 of the revised Facial Covering Order, such protective measures are required for those workers who treat the head, face or mouth (e.g., certain personal care services, facial services, eyelash services, hairdressers and barbers), and also for those workers who consistently serve the public within less than six feet, e.g., cashiers, restaurant servers, and bartenders. In the SIP, this facial covering requirement is also reiterated for “certain therapeutic services” in Section 9.j. and also for “Personal Care Services” in section 9.p.

The revised Facial Covering Order also clarifies for customers and the general public, that a face shield is an acceptable alternative to a facial covering, keeping in mind that it must cover the entire face (from forehead to below the chin at all times).

Finally, the Facial Covering Order reiterates that it does not replace existing standards for when Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) may be required for certain situations, when applicable for Healthcare providers, EMS providers, and First Responders.

The Facial Covering Order is effective until rescinded. However, an updated SIP Order is anticipated upon expiration by August 3, 2020.