

MONTEREY COUNTY

DAILY SITUATION

REPORT



Active Event or Incident(s): 2020 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) *****UPDATED*****

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SITUATION SUMMARY

Novel Coronavirus is an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including in the United States. The virus has been named “SARS-CoV-2” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated “COVID-19”).

- Deaths: 1
- [Number of people tested: 271](#)

Source	Number of Positive Cases
Travel Related	5
Person to Person Spread	4
Community Acquired	4
Under Investigation	1
Total	14

Care Services	Status
Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula	Respiratory Virus Screening Medical Tents Open
Natividad Hospital	Respiratory Virus Screening Medical Tents Open
Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital	Respiratory Virus Screening Medical Tents Open
Mee Memorial Hospital	Respiratory Virus Screening Medical Tents Not Available
Alternate Care Sites	Asilomar Conference Center (Operated by California Department of Public Health)

IMPACT ESTIMATES

Number of Active Events: 1	Structures Destroyed: 0	Mandatory Evacuations: 0
Communication Issues: No	Structures Threatened: 0	Shelters Open: 0
Major Road Closures: 0	Orders: Shelter-in-Place Order	School Closures: All

RESPONSE SUMMARY

The Monterey County Emergency Operations Center (Op Area EOC) activated March 2, 2020, in support of the Monterey County Health Department Operations Center (MCHD DOC). Monterey County OES will continue to provide information coordination, resource coordination, and situation status reporting to the COVID-19 event.

Jurisdiction	EOC Status	Proclamation of Local Emergency	Government Services
Monterey County	Level 2 Activation; Joint Information Center Open; Health Department Operations Center Full Activation	Yes	Facility Closures
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Partial Activation	Yes	Facility Closures
Del Rey Oaks	Partial Activation	Yes	Facility Closures
Gonzales	Partial Activation	Yes	
Greenfield	Partial Activation	Yes	Possible Closures
King City	Partial Activation	Yes	Possible Closures
Marina	Partial Activation	Yes	Facility Closures
Monterey	Partial Activation	Yes	Facility Closures
Pacific Grove	Public Information Branch	Yes	Partial Closures
Salinas (county seat)	Partial Activation	Yes	Facility Closures
Sand City	Partial Activation	Yes	
Seaside	Partial Activation	Yes	Facility Closure
Soledad	Partial Activation	Yes	
CSUMB	Partial Activation	-	Facility Closure
MST	Department Operations Center Activated	-	-

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

*This is a timeline of International, domestic, and Local significant events related to COVID-19. All new information will be **highlighted in blue at the top.***

- **March 21, 2020 – First death due to complications from COVID-19 in Monterey County.**
- March 19, 2020 - Governor Newsom issues a Shelter In Place Order to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- March 18, 2020 – Monterey County Op Area EOC elevated activation level to Level 2.
- March 18, 2020 - Monterey County Jail Visitation Suspended
- March 17, 2020 – City of Salinas and Sand City proclaim the existence of a local emergency.
- March 17, 2020 – The County of Monterey Health Officer has issued a [Shelter-in-Place Order](#) effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 18, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 7, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
- [March 17, 2020 – First two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Monterey County.](#)
- March 17, 2020 –The Counties of Marin, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz and San

- Francisco order a Shelter In Place beginning March 17, 2020.
- March 16, 2020 – Cities of Del Rey Oaks, Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, and Soledad declared local emergencies.
- March 16, 2020 – Monterey County schools & libraries temporarily closed.
- March 13, 2020 –Diamond Princess Cruise Ship passengers quarantined in Asilomar Hotel, Pacific Grove while undergoing testing.
- March 13, 2020 – Cities of Seaside, Marina, Monterey, Carmel & Pacific Grove proclaim emergencies.
- March 13, 2020 – [President Declares a National Emergency.](#)
- March 12, 2020 – [Governor Newsom issue Executive Order EO-N-25-20.](#)
- March 11, 2020 – [World Health Organization declares pandemic for COVID-19.](#)
- March 6, 2020 – Monterey County Public Health begins testing for COVID-19.
- March 6, 2020 – [Monterey County Proclaims Emergency \(Approved by Board of Supervisors March 10, 2020\).](#)
- March 4, 2020 – [California Proclaims Emergency.](#)
- March 4, 2020 – First COVID-19 death in California.

- March 3, 2020 – CSUMB/ Monterey Peninsula Regional Emergency Operations Center activated to lowest level.
- March 3, 2020 – Monterey County’s Health Department Operations Center (DOC) Activated.
- March 2, 2020 – Monterey County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Activated to Level 3 (lowest).
- February 28, 2020 – First case of community spread in California.
- February 4, 2020 – [USA declares public health emergency; travel restrictions put in place.](#)
- January 30, 2020 – World Health Organization (WHO) declares public health emergency of international concern.
- Jan 26, 2020 – First confirmed case in California.
- January 21, 2020 – First confirmed US case in Washington State.
- December 31, 2019 – First confirmed case of COVID-19 in Wuhan, China.

STATUS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Monterey County is aware of the statewide Stay Home Executive Order announced by Governor Newsom this evening. County officials are reviewing the order to determine its impacts on Monterey County.

In the meantime, all residents are asked to continue to follow the current Shelter in Place Order until otherwise notified and continue to practice prevention methods to reduce the spread of respiratory illness and safeguard yourself and your family.

***** UPDATED***** Shelter in Place Reissued

In light of the Governor's announcement of a state-wide Stay Home Order, Monterey County Health Officer Dr. Edward Moreno is reissuing his Shelter in Place Order that went into effect on Wednesday, March 18th. The only change being made to the order is to remove the end date of April 7th to align with the state's direction.

"Older adults are at greater risk of serious illness and death from COVID-19. It is imperative that all county residents adhere to my County Health Officer Shelter in Place Order and the statewide Stay Home Order. You should stay at home unless you need to access essential services or are a provider of essential services. In addition, all employers should identify solutions that allow employees to work from home," states Dr. Edward Moreno, Monterey County Health Officer.

The Monterey County Health Officer Order is consistent with the statewide order and orders issued by other Bay Area local Health Officers.

There is no difference between a "Shelter in Place" and "Stay at Home" order. They are different titles for the same important action to safeguard everyone in our community.

Monterey County Health Officials continue to work with state leaders to further clarify the statewide order and provide guidance on interpreting it locally. Local Health Officers may be more restrictive than the statewide order based on their unique needs as well as number of cases impacting each community. Monterey County's Order includes additional accommodations for essential agricultural services.

If you have questions about what you should do while the order is in place and what are the best ways to protect yourself and other from COVID-19, there are many options available for information:

The Monterey County Health Department COVID-19 webpage is continuously updated with news, information and data: www.mtyhd.org/covid19

Call our new information hotline at 831-755-4521. This is staffed Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm.

Email your questions to COVID-19@co.monterey.ca.us.

Monterey County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center

The Monterey County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has activated to Level 2 (partial) to support the Monterey County Health Department in preparing for and responding to COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Level Two activation is an increase from Level Three. This activation level is used for emergencies that require more than a minimum staff but would not call for a full activation of all organization elements, or less than full staffing. The EOC Director, in conjunction with the General Staff, will demobilize functions or add additional staff to functions as necessary based upon event considerations. Representatives to the EOC from other agencies or jurisdictions may be required under Level Two to support functional area activations.

Emergency Proclamations

All 12 jurisdictions and the County have declared the existence of a local emergency as of 03/18/20

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER (JIC)

This is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation and the County will provide updated information as it becomes available, in addition to updated guidance.

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions can be found [here](#).
 Frequently Asked Questions about Shelter in Place Order ([Eng](#) / [Spn](#))
[Asilomar Update and Frequently Asked Questions](#)

COVID-19 Updates

To receive updates regarding COVID-19 in Monterey County, text **MCCOVID19** to **888777**.
 To receive updates regarding COVID-19 in general, text **Coronavirus** to **211211**.

Press Conferences

None Scheduled

Contact Information

- ****NEW**** Health Department Hotline (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm). Call: 769-8700 or 755-4521
- ****NEW**** COVID-19 Economic Assistance Hotline (Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm). Call : 831-796-1909
- ****Updated**** Montage Health Virtual Care Option Free for all community members experiencing mild respiratory symptoms including coronavirus/COVID-19. [Schedule an Appointment / More information](#)

- Media Inquiries: For media inquiries call Maia Carroll (831-796-3092) or Karen Smith (831-755-4639).
- General Information call 2-1-1 or visit the [Health Department Webpage](#).
- [Monterey County Health Department Announces First Death from COVID-19](#)
- [Monterey County Health Office Reissues Shelter in Place Order](#)
- [Confirmation of Newly Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 among Monterey County Residents](#)
- [Impact of the Monterey County Health Officer Shelter in Place Order on commercial cannabis operations.](#)
- [Advisory for Agricultural Worker Protection during COVID-19 Crisis on the Central Coast of California](#)

Press Releases



Websites

- [Press Release - Monterey County and Agriculture Industry Associations Endorse Advisory for Agricultural Worker Protection During COVID-19 Crisis](#)
- For past press releases, click [here](#).

- [Economic Assistance Webpage](#)
- [Monterey County Health Department](#)
- [California Department of Public Health](#)
- [Center for Disease Control](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Economic Assistance for Impacted Workers](#)