

# MONTEREY COUNTY

## DAILY SITUATION

### REPORT

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

**Date:** 03 17 20

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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").

Source	Number of Positive Cases
Tested	Approx. 100
Travel Related	0
Person to Person Spread	0
Community Acquired	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

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 Open
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	Injuries: 0	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	Partial Activation; Joint Information Center Open; Health Department Operations Center Full Activation	Yes	<a href="#">Partial Closures</a>
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Normal Operations	Yes	<a href="#">Facility Closures</a>
Del Rey Oaks	Partial Activation	No	<a href="#">Facility Closures</a>
Gonzales	Normal Operations	Yes	
Greenfield	Normal Operations	Yes	<a href="#">Possible Closures</a>
King City	Normal Operations	Yes	<a href="#">Possible Closures</a>
Marina	Partial Activation	Yes	<a href="#">Facility Closures</a>
Monterey	Partial Activation	Yes	<a href="#">Facility Closures</a>
Pacific Grove	Normal Operations	Yes	<a href="#">Partial Closures</a>
Salinas (county seat)	Normal Operations	No	<a href="#">Partial Closures</a>
Sand City	Normal Operations	No	
Seaside	Partial Activation	Yes	<a href="#">Partial Closure</a>
Soledad	Normal Operations	Yes	
CSUMB	Partial Activation	-	<a href="#">Facility Closure</a>

## 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 17, 2020 –The Counties of Marin, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and San Francisco order a Shelter In Place beginning March 17, 2020.**
- **March 16, 2020 – Cities of Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, and Soledad declared local emergencies.**
- March 16, 2020 – Monterey County schools & libraries temporarily closed per Governor’s Executive Order.
- March 13, 2020 – 12 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

There are no confirmed COVID-19 cases in Monterey County as of today.

### Shelter in Place

Monterey County leaders, including the County Health Officer, County Supervisors and Administrators are aware of Shelter in Place orders now being implemented in San Francisco Bay Area counties and neighboring communities.

Please know that County officials have continually assessed our situation to determine appropriate responses. We are actively considering if a shelter in place order should be issued here and will further consider the issue tomorrow, Tuesday March 17, 2020. If there is a need for additional steps, the County will share that information widely so communities can take whatever action is needed.

### County Services

County services remain available, but the County encourages residents and businesses to delay non urgent business.

### School Closures

In an abundance of caution and after long and careful deliberation, the Monterey County Office of Education and Monterey County School District Superintendents in conjunction with the Monterey County Health Department have decided to close all public schools and extracurricular programs in Monterey County schools for the remainder of

March. Schools will be closed for students starting Monday, March 16 through Tuesday, March 31. Each district will communicate to their families regarding extending closure dates past March 31.

### Monterey County Free Libraries

As of March 16, all Monterey County Free Library locations will be closed. No overdue fines will be charged, and material bookdrops may be closed at any or all locations. We are not accepting any donations of used items, and encourage you to keep your library materials at home through the end of March. You can continue to access our vast collection of digital resources, which give our cardholders 24/7 access to our eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, homework help, and more. We continue to answer questions online and by phone – please check our website at eMCFL.org or contact our Administrative Offices at 831-883-7573 for details as we bring up new resources to serve your needs.

### Board of Supervisors

The Monterey County Board of Supervisors' regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, March 17th has not been cancelled, but for those who wish to view remotely or still wish to attend in person, due to COVID-19 concerns, please see the following information.

Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Officer, in order to

minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus, please do the following:

You are strongly encouraged to observe the live stream of the Board of Supervisors meetings at [http://monterey.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=19](http://monterey.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=19) or <http://www.mgtvonline.com/>

If you choose not to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting but wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Board meeting. Please submit your comment to the Clerk of the Board at [cob@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:cob@co.monterey.ca.us). Your comment will be placed into the record at the Board meeting.

If you are watching the live stream of the Board meeting and wish to make either a general public comment or to comment on a specific agenda item as it is being heard, please submit your comment, limited to 250 words or less, to the Clerk of the Board at [publiccomment@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:publiccomment@co.monterey.ca.us). Every effort will be made to read your comment into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations.

Comments received after an agenda item will be made part of the record if received prior to the end of the meeting.

If you attend the Board of Supervisors meeting in person, you will be required to maintain appropriate social distancing, ie, maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and other individuals.

Additional seating with audio of the Board meeting will be available in the Monterey Room on the 2nd floor of the County Government Center.

You can find the agendas for Board of Supervisors meetings at: <https://monterey.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

### Large Gatherings

The following is part of our continuing effort to provide pertinent information to our County family. Monterey County does not have any cases of COVID 19 as of today. In adherence to the these guidelines, and to protect public health and slow the rate of transmission of COVID-19, Monterey County sponsored gatherings as described below should be postponed or canceled if they may not be conducted via telephone or video conference, for at least the remainder of the month of March 2020.

- Large gatherings that include 250 people or more. This includes gatherings such as department wide meetings or meetings with community partners.
- Smaller gatherings held in venues that do not allow social distancing of six feet per person. This includes staff meetings, meetings with community partners, County Wellness Workshops, personnel interviews, and other gatherings in crowded conference rooms.

A “gathering” is any event or convening that brings together people in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, conference room, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space. A “gathering” does not include normal operations such as office environments; medical offices, hospitals, or clinics; where large numbers of people may be present, but it is unusual for them to be within arm’s length of one another.

Other guidelines for Monterey County employees:

- Suspend nonessential employee travel.

- Minimize the number of employees working within arm's length of one another as possible. Avoid close contact with other people.
- For service counters, ensure protocols for frequent hand washing/sanitizing are in effect; enhance cleaning of high-touch surfaces and items with disinfecting wipes and other standard cleaners; ensure adequate supply of soap and paper towels; ensure frequent emptying of waste bins; and post signage regarding these procedures for staff and patrons. I understand many supplies are not available.
- Please stay home if you are sick. Seek medical attention if you have a fever, cough, and trouble breathing.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash or into your elbow.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Get plenty of rest, drink plenty of fluids, eat healthy foods, and manage your stress to keep your immunity strong.

I know these are stressful times on a level most of us have never experienced. Everyone should continue to use their good judgement and common sense as we help each other through it all.



## MEDIA AND INFORMATION RESOURCES

*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 <a href="#">here</a> . <a href="#">Asilomar Update and Frequently Asked Questions</a>
COVID-19 Updates	To receive updates regarding COVID-19 in Monterey County, text <b>MCCOVID19</b> to <b>888777</b> . To receive updates regarding COVID-19 in general, text <b>Coronavirus</b> to <b>211211</b> .
Press Conferences	None Scheduled
Contact Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Media Inquiries: For media inquiries call Maia Carroll (831-796-3092) or Karen Smith (831-755-4639).</li><li>• General Information call 2-1-1 or visit the <a href="#">Health Department Webpage</a>.</li></ul>
Press Releases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Statement to the Community Regarding Potential Shelter in Place Order</a></li><li>• <a href="#">COVID-19 Testing at the Monterey County Public Health Laboratory</a></li><li>• <a href="#">More time to file, pay for California taxpayers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Congressman Panetta Provides Update on Congress' Response to COVID-19</a></li><li>• For past press releases, click <a href="#">here</a>.</li></ul>
Websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Monterey County Health Department</a></li><li>• <a href="#">California Department of Public Health</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Center for Disease Control</a></li><li>• <a href="#">World Health Organization</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Economic Assistance for Impacted Workers</a></li></ul>