

**LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER AND REGULATION NUMBER 1
COVID-19**

**MANDATORY COUNTYWIDE MORATORIUM ON ALCOHOL SERVING
BUSINESSES FROM 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020, THROUGH
12:01 PM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020;
IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TO MITIGATE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

WHEREAS, at 10:00 a.m. on March 13, 2020, a Proclamation of Local Emergency was issued by the Emergency Services Director; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 8634 and Title 2, Chapter 2.80, Section 2.80.080 of the San Luis Obispo County Code, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors or in the event he is unavailable the Emergency Services Director, is empowered to make and issue orders and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 presents an imminent and proximate threat to public health, and the residents of San Luis Obispo County; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we ensure the safety and health of our County population; and

WHEREAS, the St. Patrick's Day holiday typically draws large crowds to County bars, pubs, nightclubs, and other alcohol serving establishments throughout the County, encourages large concentrations and migrations of persons among alcohol serving businesses and on the streets throughout the County, and results in widespread, often heavy alcohol consumption and associated adverse impacts on judgment and social behaviors detrimental to mitigating the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, heightened levels of public health and safety planning and preparedness have been necessitated in preparation for the emergence of confirmed cases of COVID-19 and now that cases have been confirmed in the County, immediate action must be taken to prevent the spread of the virus and to limit high risk activities and gatherings in public serving spaces; and


WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Director, in consultation with the County Health Director and with the support of the seven cities within San Luis Obispo County, deems the following immediate actions are necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered as follows:

1. Effective as of **5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020**, and continuing until **12:01 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020**, all onsite alcohol serving establishments in the County of San Luis Obispo are hereby prohibited from serving alcohol.
2. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, the March 13, 2020 Proclamation by the Director of Emergency Services Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency in the County, the March 13, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) issued by the Health Director.
3. A copy of this order and regulation shall be posted on all outside public access doors of the new County Government Center of the County of San Luis Obispo and in one public place within any area of the County within which this order and regulation applies and personnel of the County of San Luis Obispo shall endeavor to make copies of this order and regulation available to the news media.

Date: March 16, 2020

Time: 11:00 a.m.



Emergency Services Director