

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ORDER
NO. 3
COVID-19**

**THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BARS, PUBS AND
BREWERIES IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EFFECTIVE
AT 4:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY JULY 3, 2020 THROUGH 5:00 A.M.
MONDAY JULY 6TH**

Please read this order carefully. Violation of this Order constitutes a threat to public health and public nuisance per se. Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, including section 120295 et.seq. a violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, civil penalties, injunctive relief and attorneys' fees and costs.

WHEREAS, at 4:45 p.m. on July 2, 2020, the County Emergency Operations Center learned that all public beaches from Los Angeles County to Monterey County have been closed in response to the increasing cases of COVID-19 infections in the State of California and the nation.

WHEREAS, as a result of these beach closures, it is anticipated that additional visitors will travel to San Luis Obispo County, thus creating opportunity for higher patronage at our bars, pubs and breweries.

WHEREAS, beginning July 3, 2020 (the start of a three-day holiday weekend) it is anticipated that large numbers of people will be celebrating and congregating in bars, pubs and breweries throughout the County during the weekend. Said conditions may cause extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County, because of recent increases in confirmed cases and the continuing risk of spread of the pandemic of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of appropriate social distancing between non-household individuals and groups and wearing face masks or coverings in public settings and where distance between non-household members cannot be maintained has proven effective in mitigating the spread of COVID- 19; and

WHEREAS, gatherings at bars, pubs and breweries throughout the County, encourages large concentrations of persons indoors, without face coverings and results in alcohol consumption and associated adverse impacts on judgement and social behaviors detrimental to mitigating the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, during this holiday weekend and in the absence of this Order, the risk of rapid spread of COVID 19 is increased and in the coming days and weeks could impact county wide health services; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer finds that temporary closure of all bars, pubs and breweries from July 3rd through July 6th is necessary to prevent crowding and congregating indoors, without face coverings which results in alcohol consumption and associated adverse impacts on judgement and social behaviors that results in the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Order is to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent.

ACCORDINGLY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085 AND 120175, TITLE 17 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2501, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO ORDERS:

1. **Effective Date and Time:** This Order is effective 4:00 p.m. July 3, 2020 and continuing until 5:00 a.m. on July 6, 2020 or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the County of San Luis Obispo Health Officer.
2. **Bars, Pubs and Breweries Closed:** All bars, pubs and breweries in the County of San Luis Obispo, excluding production facilities that do not include customer or other public contact and as specified in Section 3 below, are **ordered to close no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday July 3, 2020** and shall remain closed continuously **through Monday, July 6, 2020 at 5:00 a.m.** or the opening time otherwise specified by any permit, entitlement or regulation issued by the County or other regulatory agency governing business hours of operation.

3. Closure Exceptions and Requirements for Open Establishments:

- a. All bars, pubs and breweries in the County of San Luis Obispo that regularly provide full service¹, dine-in, table service of full meals, provided by a in-house full kitchen, shall be permitted to remain open and operate up to otherwise applicable maximum occupancy limitations related to food service, but only during such times that such full service is actually being offered. Such businesses shall at all times follow state and county guidance for such food service activities and operations; and
- b. Wine tasting venues are exempt from this Order.


4. **Applicable to Entire County.** This Order applies in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of San Luis Obispo County.

5. **Compliance.** The violation of this Order constitutes a threat to public health and public nuisance per se. Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, including section 120295 et.seq. a violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, civil penalties, injunctive relief and attorneys' fees and costs.

A copy of this Health 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 the County Public Health Department on 2191 Johnson Avenue 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.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: 7/3/2020



Penny Borenstein, MD, MPH
County Health Officer

Time: 08:00 am

¹ Full service means tables, chairs, and seated table service that otherwise would restrict occupancy compared to occupancy for bar assembly, which is typically greater.