

# **COVID-19 Update for Businesses**

## What You Can Do to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

The State of California is monitoring each county and may direct closures or restrictions based on specific disease transmission and hospital criteria. San Luis Obispo County businesses can help our county stay below the state's criteria threshold.

#### Steps to Reopening, While Keeping Staff and Customers Safe in Your Business

- 1. Visit the Reopening webpage on ReadySLO.org for health requirements businesses must follow.
- 2. Click on the name of your industry sector in the lists on the webpage.
- 3. Identify if/when your business is permitted to reopen, according to the State of California.
- 4. Review the State-issued health guidance for your industry sector.
- 5. Follow the guidance and complete the self-certification form, which can be found at www.ReadySLO.org.

  Questions? Call the Phone Assistance Center at 805-543-2444.

## The Basics of State-Issued COVID-19 Industry Guidance

Most State-issued COVID-19 Industry Guidance provides businesses with the information they need to support a safe, clean environment for workers and customers.

Most guidance documents will include the following information:

- ✓ Workplace Specific Plan
- ✓ Topics for Worker Training
- ✓ Individual Control Measures and Screening
- ✓ Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols
- ✓ Physical Distancing Guidelines

Take steps to ensure the safety of workers and the public. Key prevention practices include:

- ✓ Physical distancing to the maximum extent possible
- ✓ Use of face coverings by workers (where respiratory protection is not required) and customers/clients
- ✓ Frequent handwashing and regular cleaning and disinfection
- ✓ Training workers on these and other elements of the COVID-19 prevention plan
- ✓ Perform employee health screenings



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## The State of California now requires the use of face coverings

This includes employees at all times and customers in line or inside, when not eating, unless a medical condition prevents it.

### Face coverings are required inside when:

- Inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space
- When engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work off-site
- When interacting in-person with any member of the public
- When working in any space visited by members of the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time
- When working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others
- When working in or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities
- In any room or enclosed area where other people (except for members of the person's own household or residence) are present when unable to physically distance

## **Reminders for Employers**

### Have a COVID-19 workplace prevention plan

- Establish a written Covid-19 prevention plan in accordance with state guidelines
- Train employees on the prevention plan and ensure it is followed.
- Establish increased disinfection policies.
- Visit Readyslo.org for help with developing a plan

#### If your business is open:

- Ensure the safety and health of your workers
- Direct sick employees to stay home.
- Establish routine cleaning at the workplace.
- Reduce staff/employee travel.
- Review Cal/OSHA Interim Guidance.
- Follow CDC guidance.
- Visit the Reopening page at ReadySLO.org.

## **Reminders for Employees**

#### Remember to wash your hands and practice physical distancing. Properly use face coverings.

#### Do not come to work if:

- You have been diagnosed with or have symptoms of COVID-19, such as a frequent cough, fever, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, recent loss of taste or smell.
- You live with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Transmission is most likely when people are in close contact with an infected person, even if that person does not have any symptoms.

<sup>\*</sup>For the complete list of situations where face coverings are required visit www.emergencyslo.org/facialcoverings