

The Stanislaus County Public Health Officer prohibits the gathering of 1,000 or more people indoor and outdoor effective Monday, March 16, 2020 through at least March 31, 2020.

In addition to the Order from the Health Officer, there is further guidance from California Department of Public Health on Community Gatherings:

- **Large gatherings** that include 250 people or more should be postponed or canceled.
 - This includes gatherings such as concerts, conferences, and professional, college and school sporting events
- **Smaller gatherings** held in venues that do not allow **social distancing of six feet per person** should be postponed or canceled.
 - This includes gatherings in crowded auditoriums, rooms or other venues.
- Gatherings of **individuals who are higher risk** for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people.
 - This includes gatherings such as those at retirement facilities, assisted living facilities, developmental homes, and support groups for people with health conditions
- 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, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria or any other indoor or outdoor space.

Effective Date: Begins Monday March 16, 2020 through at least the end of March.

Guidance for Businesses

- The CDPH guidance applies to all non-essential professional, social and community gatherings regardless of their sponsor.
- Businesses need to strongly encourage sick employees and customers to stay home
- All businesses should incorporate approved environmental cleaning and disinfection practices and encourage good hygiene for employees and customers.

Guidance for Higher Risk Individuals

- Those over 60 and/or have underlying conditions including heart disease, diabetes and lung disease
- Individuals who are higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should only go out for essential appointments or errands
- Gatherings of individuals who are higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people

This Guidance does not apply to:

- Regular school classes
- Work;
- Essential Services
- Public Transportation
- Airport travel
- Shopping at a store or mall
- Congregate living situations including dormitories and homeless encampments

Questions and Answers

Q. Does this apply to **churches**?

A. Yes, see community definitions for guidelines.

Q. Does this apply to **casinos or amusement parks**.

A. No, but check with the business entity as the situation is fluid.

Q. Does this apply to **school sports or other extra-curricular activities**?

A. Yes. It does not apply to attendance at regular school classes.

Q. Does this guidance apply to **work**?

A. No. The guidance does not apply to work or essential services.

Q. Does this guidance apply to the **mall or shopping centers**?

A. No, but you should remember to maintain good hygiene practices (hand washing, social distancing, covering your cough, etc.) when shopping.