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Solano County to implement state-mandated regional stay-at-home order starting Thursday evening

SOLANO COUNTY — Starting Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., Solano County will implement the [state's mandated regional stay-at-home order](#), a protective measure to limit the spread of COVID-19 disease and support the most vulnerable community members and hospital frontline workers.

The State's regional stay-at-home order, originally issued on December 3, 2020, identifies five regions statewide, and requires closure of all sectors, except for retail and essential services, in any region when the regional Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity of hospitals falls below 15 percent. The purpose of the state's order is to address the increasing transmission among non-household members and further prevent our healthcare system from being overwhelmed. The requirements of the state's order supersede local Health Officer orders within any region when there is less than 15 percent ICU capacity.

"Solano County is experiencing high levels of transmission of COVID-19 at an alarming rate, and our hospitalizations are rising, both of which are indicators that ICU impacts are a given now, not just locally but regionally," said Bela T. Matyas, M.D., M.P.H., Solano County Health Officer. "This time of year poses a special challenge in preventing transmission of COVID-19. While we may want to gather and celebrate with family and friends, such gatherings can cause spread of this devastating virus to our family and friends, effecting our loved ones and the community. Getting out of this situation will depend on everybody to take serious actions to reduce the spread in our community – stay home as much as possible, leave only for essential activities, don't gather outside of your household, use a face covering in public settings always, and maintain 6 ft physical distancing from others everywhere outside of your household. Help keep yourself and others safe."

Tracking of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the Bay Area Region by Solano County Public Health shows that COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are surging with several hundred new COVID-19 cases confirmed daily and ICU capacity declining across the Bay Area Region. The order is expected to remain in place for at least three weeks before re-evaluation by the State.

Pursuant to the Regional Stay at Home Order the following sectors are required to close or remain closed for all operations, including:

- Indoor playgrounds
- Indoor recreational facilities
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Personal care services
- Museums, zoos, and aquariums
- Movie theaters
- Wineries

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- Bars, breweries, and distilleries
- Family entertainment centers
- Cardrooms and satellite wagering
- Limited services as defined by the State
- Live audience sports
- Amusement parks

The following sectors have additional modifications, in addition to 100 percent masking and physical distancing, including:

- **Outdoor recreational facilities:** Allow outdoor operation only without any food, drink, or alcohol sales. Additionally, overnight stays for recreational visits at campgrounds will not be permitted.
- **Retail:** Allow indoor operation at 20% capacity with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- **Shopping centers:** Allow indoor operation at 20% capacity with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores and all common areas closed. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- **Hotels and lodging:** Allow to open for critical infrastructure support only.
- **Restaurants:** Allow only for take-out, pick-up, or delivery.
- **Offices:** Allow remote only except for critical infrastructure sectors where remote working is not possible.
- **Places of worship and political expression:** Allow outdoor services only.

The following sectors can remain open with appropriate infectious disease preventive measures, including 100% masking and physical distancing, including:

- Critical infrastructure
- Non-urgent medical and dental care
- Outdoor playgrounds
- Childcare

Help stop the spread of germs by practicing good hand washing and health habits, including:

- Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and warm water
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Stay home when you are sick and keep your children home when they are sick
- Wear a face covering and maintain at least a six-foot distance from others in public settings

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information about COVID-19 in Solano County contact our warmline at [707-784-8988](tel:707-784-8988).

For more information about the State's Stay Home Order, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#regional-stay-home-order>. For the most recent local COVID-19 health information, including the number of COVID-19 cases in Solano County, visit the Solano County website at www.SolanoCounty.com/COVID19 Facebook at [@SolanoCountyPH](https://www.Facebook.com/SolanoCountyPH).

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