

# MONTEREY COUNTY

## DAILY SITUATION

### REPORT



**Active Event or Incident(s):** 2020 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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### SITUATION SUMMARY

Novel Coronavirus is an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including in the United States. The virus has been named “SARS-CoV-2” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated “COVID-19”).

[Number of tests completed: 202 \(This number is updated on Monday\)](#)

Source	Number of Positive Cases
Travel Related	4
Person to Person Spread	1
Community Acquired	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

Care Services	Status
Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula	Respiratory Virus Screening Medical Tents Open
Natividad Hospital	Respiratory Virus Screening Medical Tents Open
Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital	Respiratory Virus Screening Medical Tents Open
Mee Memorial Hospital	Respiratory Virus Screening Medical Tents Not Available
Alternate Care Sites	Asilomar Conference Center (Operated by California Department of Public Health)

### IMPACT ESTIMATES

Number of Active Events: 1	Structures Destroyed: 0	Mandatory Evacuations: 0
Communication Issues: No	Structures Threatened: 0	Shelters Open: 0
Major Road Closures: 0	Orders: Shelter-in-Place Order	School Closures: All

## RESPONSE SUMMARY

The Monterey County Emergency Operations Center (Op Area EOC) activated March 2, 2020, in support of the Monterey County Health Department Operations Center (MCHD DOC). Monterey County OES will continue to provide information coordination, resource coordination, and situation status reporting to the COVID-19 event.

Jurisdiction	EOC Status	Proclamation of Local Emergency	Government Services
Monterey County	Level 2 Activation; Joint Information Center Open; Health Department Operations Center Full Activation	Yes	<a href="#">Facility Closures</a>
Carmel-by-the-Sea	Partial Activation	Yes	<a href="#">Facility Closures</a>
Del Rey Oaks	Partial Activation	Yes	<a href="#">Facility Closures</a>
Gonzales	Partial Activation	Yes	
Greenfield	Normal Operations	Yes	<a href="#">Possible Closures</a>
King City	Partial Activation	Yes	<a href="#">Possible Closures</a>
Marina	Partial Activation	Yes	<a href="#">Facility Closures</a>
Monterey	Partial Activation	Yes	<a href="#">Facility Closures</a>
Pacific Grove	Normal Operations	Yes	<a href="#">Partial Closures</a>
Salinas (county seat)	Partial Activation	Yes	<a href="#">Facility Closures</a>
Sand City	Partial Activation	Yes	
Seaside	Partial Activation	Yes	<a href="#">Facility Closure</a>
Soledad	Partial Activation	Yes	
CSUMB	Partial Activation	-	<a href="#">Facility Closure</a>
MST	Department Operations Center Activated	-	-

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

*This is a timeline of International, domestic, and Local significant events related to COVID-19. All new information will be **highlighted in blue at the top.***

- **March 19, 2020 - Governor Newsom issues a stay at home order to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.**
- March 18, 2020 – Monterey County Op Area EOC elevated activation level to Level 2.
- March 18, 2020 - Monterey County Jail Visitation Suspended
- March 17, 2020 – City of Salinas and Sand City proclaim the existence of a local emergency.
- March 17, 2020 – The County of Monterey Health Officer has issued a [Shelter-in-Place Order](#) effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 18, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 7, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
- [March 17, 2020 – First two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Monterey County.](#)
- March 17, 2020 –The Counties of Marin, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz and San Francisco order a Shelter In Place beginning March 17, 2020.
- March 16, 2020 – Cities of Del Rey Oaks, Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, and Soledad declared local emergencies.
- March 16, 2020 – Monterey County schools & libraries temporarily closed.
- March 13, 2020 –Diamond Princess Cruise Ship passengers quarantined in Asilomar Hotel, Pacific Grove while undergoing testing.
- March 13, 2020 – Cities of Seaside, Marina, Monterey, Carmel & Pacific Grove proclaim emergencies.
- March 13, 2020 – [President Declares a National Emergency.](#)
- March 12, 2020 – [Governor Newsom issue Executive Order EO-N-25-20.](#)
- March 11, 2020 – [World Health Organization declares pandemic for COVID-19.](#)
- March 6, 2020 – Monterey County Public Health begins testing for COVID-19.
- March 6, 2020 – [Monterey County Proclaims Emergency \(Approved by Board of Supervisors March 10, 2020 \).](#)
- March 4, 2020 – [California Proclaims Emergency.](#)
- March 4, 2020 – First COVID-19 death in California.
- March 3, 2020 – CSUMB/ Monterey Peninsula Regional Emergency Operations Center activated to lowest level.

- March 3, 2020 – Monterey County’s Health Department Operations Center (DOC) Activated.
- March 2, 2020 – Monterey County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Activated to Level 3 (lowest).
- February 28, 2020 – First case of community spread in California.
- February 4, 2020 – [USA declares public health emergency; travel restrictions put in place.](#)
- January 30, 2020 – World Health Organization (WHO) declares public health emergency of international concern.
- Jan 26, 2020 – First confirmed case in California.
- January 21, 2020 – First confirmed US case in Washington State.
- December 31, 2019 – First confirmed case of COVID-19 in Wuhan, China.

## STATUS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Monterey County is aware of the statewide Stay Home Executive Order announced by Governor Newsom this evening. County officials are reviewing the order to determine its impacts on Monterey County.

In the meantime, all residents are asked to continue to follow the current Shelter in Place Order until otherwise notified and continue to practice prevention methods to reduce the spread of respiratory illness and safeguard yourself and your family.

### Shelter in Place

Monterey County Health Officer, Dr. Edward Moreno, will issue an order to Shelter in Place. You should read the Order closely when it is released. The Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 18, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 7, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

The Order will apply to the entire County but has many exceptions for different essential services and activities. For example, you will be able to go to the grocery store. You will be able to help loved ones. You will be able to walk in the park.

The purpose is to address Covid19. Everyone should continue using best practices to protect yourself and others, such as wash your hands, don't touch your face and maintain social distancing.

Attached is a press release and Frequently Asked Question and a Answer document. These both have helpful information. Continue to check the County Health Department website for updates and Orders.

Starting at midnight tonight, I am ordering all non-essential County government operations ceased. You will be informed by your supervisors or department head about your obligation to report to work, work from home, work at a field location, to stay home, or another directive. You should stay in regular contact with your supervisor through phone and email.

These orders are currently scheduled to start at midnight tonight and be in effect until April 7, 2020. The orders may be extended.

Please be aware, we are looking to continue compensating employees during this time. Check with your supervisor on specifics. As we try to work with you, we appreciate that everyone works with us to implement these strategies reasonably and fairly. Please use good judgement.

If we stick together and care for one another we will get through this and be stronger together. Show compassion for your friends, neighbors, loved ones and even those you don't know.

Monterey County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center

The Monterey County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has activated to Level 2 (partial) to support the Monterey County Health Department in preparing for and responding to COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Level Two activation is an increase from Level Three. This activation level is used for emergencies that require more than a minimum staff but would not call for a full activation of all organization elements, or less than full staffing. The EOC Director, in conjunction with the General Staff, will demobilize functions or add additional staff to functions as necessary based upon event considerations. Representatives to the EOC from other agencies or jurisdictions may be required under Level Two to support functional area activations.

Emergency Proclamations

All 12 jurisdictions and the County have declared the existence of a local emergency as of 03/18/20

## JOINT INFORMATION CENTER (JIC)

*This is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation and the County will provide updated information as it becomes available, in addition to updated guidance.*

### FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions can be found [here](#).  
 Frequently Asked Questions about Shelter in Place Order ([Eng](#) / [Spn](#))  
[Asilomar Update and Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### COVID-19 Updates

To receive updates regarding COVID-19 in Monterey County, text **MCCOVID19** to **888777**.  
 To receive updates regarding COVID-19 in general, text **Coronavirus** to **211211**.

### Press Conferences

None Scheduled

### Contact Information

- **\*\*NEW\*\*** Health Department Hotline (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm). Call: 769-8700 or 755-4521
- **\*\*NEW\*\*** COVID-19 Economic Assistance Hotline (Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm). Call : 831-796-1909
- **\*\*Updated\*\*** Montage Health Virtual Care Option Free for all community members experiencing mild respiratory symptoms including coronavirus/COVID-19. [Schedule an Appointment](#) / [More information](#)

- Media Inquiries: For media inquiries call Maia Carroll (831-796-3092) or Karen Smith (831-755-4639).
- General Information call 2-1-1 or visit the [Health Department Webpage](#).
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information for Homeless Shelters and Homeless Service Providers - PDF](#)
- For past press releases, click [here](#).

### Press Releases

### Websites

- **\*\*New\*\*** Covid-19 Economic Assistance Webpage
- [Monterey County Health Department](#)
- [California Department of Public Health](#)
- [Center for Disease Control](#)





- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Economic Assistance for Impacted Workers](#)