

Law enforcement guide to COVID 19 enforcement

On June 29, 2020, the County announced that it will not be implementing any new state reopening guidance for the month of July and may close reopened industries. As the County begins to pause the reopening, it is important that law enforcement have an understanding as to what is not permissible in their jurisdiction.

At a minimum, law enforcement officers should know that in San Diego County, social distancing and face coverings whenever a person is in a business or within six feet of another person who is not a member of their family or household are required. Additionally, some businesses are not allowed to operate while others may only operate with modifications and restrictions.

Due to the large number of industries that are now reopened, this training bulletin focuses on what is closed. In attempting to determine whether a violation is occurring, a law enforcement officer should look to see if the activity is one of low risk to the spread of COVID-19, and whether it is being conducted with the minimum requirements set by the County of San Diego, and the State of California to help prevent the spread of the virus. Be mindful that many people may not yet be aware of the often-changing rules. First, try to obtain voluntary compliance. If unable to obtain voluntary compliance, Deputies should consider the severity of the violation and whether a citation can accomplish getting the necessary cooperation. If compliance cannot be obtained either voluntarily, or through the issuance of a citation, document the failure to comply in an Ordinance Violation Report.

What's closed?

- Public events and gatherings (First Amendment activities including faith-based services, cultural ceremonies, and protests are allowed)
- Indoor playgrounds such as bounce centers, ball pits, and laser tag
- Live theater
- Live audience sports
- Saunas and Steam rooms
- Nightclubs
- Concert Venues
- Theme parks and Festivals
- All restaurants, bars, wineries, distilleries and breweries shall be closed from 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. every day. Guests already in the facility at 10:00 p.m. may remain until 11:00 p.m. and only staff needed to close, open or clean the facility shall be in the facility between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Drive in activity:

Drive in activities, including protests, church services, graduation ceremonies, and entertainment, are permissible as long as all public health precautions and social distancing are maintained and only members of the same household are in the same car.

Outdoor Activity:

People can go for a walk, exercise, and participate in healthy activities as long as they **maintain a safe physical distance of six feet and gather only with members of their household.**