On March 12, 2020, San Joaquin County Health Officer Maggie Park, M.D. declared a Local Health Emergency pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 due to confirmed COVID-19 in San Joaquin County. On March 15, 2020, Dr. Park issued an Order incorporating Governor Gavin Newsom and the federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance regarding social distancing. On March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors ratified the declaration of the Local Health Emergency.

San Joaquin County Community Development Department remains open to provide services to the public.

However, the Community Development Department is implementing social distancing consistent with the medically recommended guidelines and is implementing the following changes:

- Until further notice, all walk-in consultations with Department staff and building and planning submissions shall be by appointment or teleconference only.

- The Department will continue to provide services and perform application processing and plan review in the following manner:

  1. Applicants may drop-off completed documents, payments, or permit applications and plans for review in the appropriate bins located on the table in the lobby.

  2. Documents and applications will be reviewed by staff and notified to confirm receipt and on the progress of any application processing.

  3. Application and plan review fees will be charged once staff determines that the application is complete. At that time payments may be submitted by mail or by appointment.

  4. Approved applications and permits will be issued by appointment only.
• For anyone that must visit the Department for an appointment or to drop off/pick up documents, we ask that no more than 3 people remain in the lobby at a time and that they maintain social distance.

To schedule an appointment, or teleconference with Department staff, please call:

**Community Development Department** (209) 468-3121 or by sending an email to the following:
• Building Department: building@sjgov.org
• Planning Department: planning@sjgov.org
• Code Enforcement: enforcement@sjgov.org
• Fire Prevention: fire_prevention@sjgov.org

**Department of Public Works** (209) 468-3000

**Environmental Health Department** (209) 468-3420