



San Joaquin County COVID-19 Guidelines

San Joaquin County COVID-19 Prevention:

San Joaquin County recently declared a Local Public Health Emergency March 12, 2020 in order to assist in leveraging additional resources and funding to ensure an appropriate response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The County's public health response efforts will now focus on minimizing the impact of COVID-19 in the greater community. These actions are important steps to freeing up public health resources to protect the most vulnerable populations and allow our health care system to prepare for taking care of severely ill patients. San Joaquin County health officials urge residents to follow prevention guidelines below for COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases and to visit www.sjready.org often to review the latest news, information, community guidance and resources. **It is important to note that San Joaquin County may have different guidance than the State or Federal government based on our unique needs.**

General Prevention:

- Continue to practice personal protective measures, such as:
 - Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick
 - If a person is showing symptoms—fever, cough, shortness of breath, they are advised to stay home for a minimum of seven days from the start of symptoms.
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces at home and work.
- Continue to monitor local information about COVID-19 in your community. Visit SJReady.org for more information.

Community and Professional Gatherings:

- 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.
 - **Large gatherings that include 250 or more 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 smaller 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 a **higher risk** for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than **10 people or avoided all together**.
 - This applies to people at higher risk for COVID-19 complications are adults who are 65 years or older and individuals with several chronic medical conditions like heart, lung, or kidney disease or individuals who have compromised immune systems.
 - This includes gatherings such as those at retirement facilities, assisted living facilities, developmental homes, and support groups for people with health conditions.

- This applies to all non-essential professional, social, and community gatherings regardless of their sponsor.
 - Gatherings that do not meet the criteria above should only be conducted when they are essential.

This guidance will remain in place at least through the end of the month of March. At that time, it will be revisited to evaluate the continued public health need for it and whether any elements need to be changed.

Workplace:

- Decrease social contacts in the workplace and work-related gathering to 10 people (e.g. limit in-person meetings, break room lunch, etc.)
- Limit non-essential work travel
- Stay at home if sick

Juvenile Hall:

- In-person visitation will be temporarily suspended beginning March 14th. Parents will be able to have Skype and/or Face Time visits with their youth, in addition to free telephone calls.

Currently Probation staff are not suspending field visits but will continue to evaluate as more information is received. Probation staff is also being advised to use personal protective measures (like washing hands), using social distancing of 6 feet and using best judgment when interacting with clients and family members if they appear ill.

Sheriff's Department (Honor Farm Facility):

- Inmate contact visits at Honor Farm Facility are suspended effective March 14, 2020.
- In-person volunteer programs are suspended
- Inmate marriages are suspended
- Non-legal contact visitations are suspended
- No charge correspondence (mail) for Honor Farm inmates during the suspension of visiting

Public Health Departments:

- Continue COVID-19 testing of symptomatic persons; however, if testing capacity limited, prioritize testing of high-risk individuals
- Focus on community mitigation measures, which means moving from more individually focused, labor-intensive "contact-tracing" and quarantine, to minimizing the impact of COVID-19 in the community
- Maintain regular contact and following the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).
- Working to ensure that our health care systems, first responders and other local partners has the guidance they need through presentations, phone consultations, meetings and posting information on our website
- Providing symptom monitoring for residents returning from travel who are considered low to moderate risk

For more information, visit www.SJReady.org.