



FAQs related to amended local Public Health Order *Amendments made following State guidance on religious gatherings & hair services*

Can places of worship reopen?

Under the State of California and local Public Health Order, places of worship are allowed to reopen for in-person services with proper modifications in place.

How will faith services look different?

In order to minimize exposure to the virus, places of worship will have certain protocols in place. For example, all attendees – aside from children younger than 2 years old and those with medical limitations -- should wear facial coverings while attending these in-person gatherings.

Faith-based organizations are strongly advised to maintain a current list of congregants' names and contact information. This is in the case of a localized outbreak and will help our Public Health team in their facilitation of prompt contact tracing: alerting close contacts who have been exposed to a confirmed case so that the chain of COVID-19 transmission can be broken quickly.

Can my family host a cultural or life event celebration at our local place of worship?

The bi-county Public Health team strongly advises that families do **not** host such in-person events at this time, because they encourage congregants/visitors to travel from out of county, state and even out of country to attend.

Funerals are exempt since these events cannot be rescheduled, which means they can be held at places of worship—though these events, too, shall have proper modifications in place including: considerations of staggering visitation times and reduced visitor capacity; follow all disinfecting measures; keep groups limited to 10 people or fewer; practice social distancing of 6 feet or more; and wearing a facial covering when social distancing is not possible.

Can hair salons and barber shops now open?

While the local May 4th Public Health Order outlined that such services be limited to 30-minute durations, the California Department of Public Health lifts that time duration. However, close proximity of less than 6 feet, even with a facial covering for both clients and stylists, is encouraged to be as limited as possible.

How will my hair appointment be different?

Workers and customers must use facial coverings during haircutting and other close-contact services.

Workers can consider using glasses, goggles, or face shields in addition to facial coverings during these services, especially during close proximity face-to-face encounters.

Workers and customers shall be screened for symptoms upon arrival.