



# Agenda

## AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY

May 14, 2020  
1:30 P.M.

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Supervisor Candace Andersen, Chair  
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

### **Agenda Items:**

Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Introductions
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).
3. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the May 7, 2020 meeting.
4. CONSIDER the impacts of COVID-19 on the following business sectors and discuss pathways that may allow these business to resume, if possible, within the limitations established by the County Health Officer:
  1. Personal Services
    1. Personal services in the home such as cleaning services, piano tuners
    2. Personal services outside the home in salons, individual suites
  2. Recreation/Lifestyle Services
    1. Health Clubs/Gyms
    2. Camping/RV Parks
    3. Swimming Schools
    4. Municipal Parks and Recreation Programs

5. The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

6. Adjourn

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# Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

## Subcommittee Report

### AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY

**Meeting Date:** 05/14/2020

**Subject:** RECORD OF ACTION FOR MARCH 7, 2020 MEETING

**Submitted For:** David Twa, County Administrator

**Department:** County Administrator

**Referral No.:**

**Referral Name:**

**Presenter:** Julie DiMaggio Enea

**Contact:** Julie DiMaggio Enea  
(925) 335-1077

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#### **Referral History:**

County Ordinance requires that each County body keep a record of its meetings. Though the record need not be verbatim, it must accurately reflect the agenda and the decisions made in the meeting.

#### **Referral Update:**

Attached is the draft Record of Action for the May 7, 2020 meeting.

#### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the May 7, 2020 meeting.

#### **Fiscal Impact (if any):**

No fiscal impact.

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#### **Attachments**

DRAFT Record of Action 5-7-2020

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# AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACTS AND RECOVERY

RECORD OF ACTION FOR  
May 7, 2020

Supervisor Candace Andersen, Chair  
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

Present: Candace Andersen, Chair  
Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Julie DiMaggio Enea, Senior Deputy County Administrator

Attendees: See Attendance Record, attached.

1. N/A

Welcome, Introductions and Purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee

*Chair Andersen convened the meeting and explain how the meeting will be conducted and how participants can indicate that they'd like to comment. She also explained the purpose of the committee.*

*Vice Chair Mitchoff described the current Health Order and what she hoped to accomplish from the committee meetings. She indicated that the Committee would not be answering questions today but would accept input on how to move forward.*

*Chair Andersen recognized Health Services Director Anna Roth and County Health Officer Chris Farnitano and thanked them for joining the meeting.*

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

*The following individuals spoke during the general public comment period:*

*Debbie Toth commented on how well Contra Costa County is handling the virus response.*

*Susan Morgan commented about face coverings. and people who have doctor's notes that they cannot wear face coverings.*

3.

RECEIVE report on the impacts of the COVID-19 health order on local industry and businesses.

*The following individuals commented*

*Vice Chair Mitchoff requested clarification regarding what is included in childcare/education: does it include Little League Baseball and swimming schools, for example?*

*Jenise Falk asked for help from the County Health Officer because her thrift store business model relates to a vulnerable population and she wants to make sure that donations are safe. She wants to collaborate with other thrift stores to prepare for the time when the stores can re-open.*

*Michelle Klimesh commented about gymnastics schools and how to maintain social distancing and handle masks. She is looking for direction regarding small day camps and the minimum square footage required for certain groups.*

*Jim Kiloran requested a fair balance between economic impacts and health and safety.*

*Elias Mandilaras spoke on behalf of the hotel industry, specifically the Renaissance hotel with health club. They would like to assist with the development of policies applicable to this industry. He mentioned three golf clubs that opened in San Diego under specific guidelines. Stacy Litteral commented on family and children's activities and offered to be a support system on the development of SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) for children's and group activities.*

*Mike McDermott asked about reopening of churches. He suggested looking at placing limits based the percentage of occupancy per square footage of a facility.*

*Michelle Lacy, General Manager of the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District, pledged to be a resource to the committee and commented that there is confusion on how the health order should be applied.*

*Liz Claytor, owner of Splash Swim School, appreciated the FAQs and looks forward to working with the Committee on water safety.*

*Esamer Hook owner of a restaurant and is looking for guidance, particularly at the Veranda in Concord with shares a common area among several businesses. Working with ABC (State Alcohol and Beverage Control) to expand seating.*

4.

REVIEW California and County road maps to safety and economic recovery.

*Dr. Farnitano, County Health Officer, explained the five indicators on which the Bay Area Health Officers are relying to inform the County's road map:*

- 1. cases are stable or decreasing for several continuous weeks*
- 2. hospital cases decreasing*

3. *cases represent less than half ICU (intensive care unit) capacity*
4. *hospitals are prepared with enough PPE (personal protective equipment )*
5. *we are doing sufficient testing, effective tracing to limit spread of the virus*

*Monday's changes to the health order related mostly to construction, outdoor work and outdoor recreation.*

*Chair Andersen reported that anyone in the county can now be tested by appointment. She said that the County isn't yet ready to move to Stage 2 in the way the State has decided to move forward.*

*Debbie Toth commented on public transportation and says we need to be thoughtful about the safety of the frail and elderly.*

*Marti Roach with 350 Contra Costa, commented on having a safe and just economic recovery: status of safety net (housing), priorities for economic stimulus funding, silver lining opportunities e.g., less traffic, air pollution, telecommuting).*

*Nicole, general manager of thrift shops, needs guidelines on how to handle incoming donations and home donations.*

5. RECEIVE report on the provision of building permit and inspection services under the New COVID-10 Order of the County Health Officer.

*John Kopchik, DCD Director, summarized the staff report and reviewed changes being made in the Application and Permit Center (APC) to comply with the new Health Order. Typically, 90% of the permits were transpired in paper, causing crowded conditions in the APC. DCD was on a 5-year plan to convert to 100% virtual permitting. The 5-year plan has turned into a 5-day plan.*

*Jason Crapo, Deputy DCD Director, reported on the significant and rapid changes being made to accommodate construction permitting services in a way that complies with the health order. The construction sector is coming back to life. There is still fine-tuning to do as a consequence of rapid changes, but they will manage.*

*Lisa Vorderbrueggen, Building Industry Association, is working with state legislators to extend building permit deadlines, etc., which makes more sense to do on a statewide level than county by county.*

6. CONSIDER approving standing meeting schedule, weekly on Thursdays from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., and identifying future meeting topics. (Supervisor Andersen)

*Chair Andersen note eight categories of businesses that the Committee would cover over the course of the next several meetings. Supervisor Mitchoff suggested that the Committee take at least two categories per meeting to attempt to cover all areas by July:*

1. *Faith organizations*
2. *Recreation and Lifestyle (including swim schools)*

3. *Restaurant*
4. *In-home services*
5. *RV/Park*
6. *Small businesses (including salons)*
7. *Thrift sales & collection*
8. *Furniture*

*Chair Andersen announced a fee hotline for businesses: 1-888-599-7645, and other business resources, and expressed appreciation for businesses coming together to buoy each other up.*

*Vice Chair Mitchoff says BAAQD will be discussing how we don't return to business as usual an incentive working at home, but must be balanced with revenue streams that are generated from commuting such as bridge tolls. "Necessity is the mother of invention."*

*She mentioned a complaints received both about the constraints of the health order but also on lack of enforcement of the order. She encourage personal responsibility for compliance with the health order.*

*The next meeting was set for Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.*

*Chair Andersen adjourned the meeting.*

## 7. Adjourn

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# Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

## Subcommittee Report

### AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY

**Meeting Date:** 05/14/2020  
**Subject:** COVID-19 Recovery Road Map for Personal Services  
Businesses and Recreation/Lifestyle Services  
**Submitted For:** David Twa, County Administrator  
**Department:** County Administrator  
**Referral No.:**  
**Referral Name:**  
**Presenter:** **Contact:**

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#### **Referral History:**

Although the Board of Supervisors has authority over County issues, under State law, when an emergency of this nature is declared and there is a pandemic of this magnitude, the Health Officer of each County has the legal authority to impose whatever orders she or he deem necessary to protect the public.

On Tuesday, April 21, the Board of Supervisors formed this ad hoc committee to advise the Health Department on COVID19 impacts. The goal of the committee is to work toward having a sustainable COVID-19 mitigation and recovery plan. The committee will be working with the community and industry on issues of concern, advising the Board of Supervisors and the Health Officer on possible ways to interpret and apply Health Orders so they will continue to keep the community safe, but allow more businesses to re-open and provide common-sense applications to outdoor activities.

The Committee conducted its first meeting on May 7, 2020 and plans to meet weekly, taking up issues related to different business sectors at each meeting. The Committee previously identified eight business sectors to focus on over the course of the next several meetings:

1. Faith organizations
2. Recreation and Lifestyle
3. Restaurant
4. In-home and other personal services
5. RV/Park
6. Small businesses
7. Thrift sales & collection
8. Furniture

#### **Referral Update:**



## **Relevant Excerpts From the California Corona Virus Response Website:**

Californians have been staying home and saving lives since the start of the statewide stay-at-home order issued on March 19, 2020. These efforts have allowed the state to move forward on its [roadmap](#) for modifying the statewide order.

### **STAGE 1: Safety and preparedness**

Make workplaces safe for our essential workers.

### **STAGE 2: Lower-risk workplaces**

Gradually reopen retail (curbside only), manufacturing & logistics. Later, relax retail restrictions, adapt & reopen schools, child care, offices & limited hospitality, personal services.

### **STAGE 3: Higher-risk workplaces**

Adapt and reopen movie theaters, religious services, & more personal & hospitality services.

### **STAGE 4: End of Stay Home Order**

Reopen areas of highest risk: e.g. Concerts, conventions, sports arenas.

When modifications are advanced and the state's [six indicators](#) show we've made enough progress, we can move to the next stage of the roadmap. Stage 2 expansion will be phased in gradually. Some communities may move through Stage 2 faster if they are able to show greater progress. Counties that have met the readiness criteria and worked with the California Department of Public Health can open more workplaces as outlined on the [County Variance page](#).

### **Industry guidance to reduce the risk**

California will move into Stage 2 of modifying the state's Stay-at-Home order on May 8, 2020. Our progress in achieving key [public health metrics](#) will allow a gradual re-opening of California's economy. We recognize the impact of economic hardship. We must get our economy roaring once again and put paychecks in people's pockets. But the risk of COVID-19 infection is still real for all Californians and continues to be fatal. That is why every business should take every step humanly possible to reduce the risk of infection:

- Plan and prepare for re-opening
- Make radical changes within the workplace
- Adjust practices by employees and help educate customers

Below are [guidance](#) for each early Stage 2 business to follow. The goal is a safe, clean environment for workers and customers. Businesses may use effective alternative or innovative methods to build upon the guidance. Review the guidance that is relevant to your workplace, prepare a plan based on the guidance for your industry, and put it into action. When complete, you can post the industry-specific checklist (below) in your workplace to show your customers and your employees that you've reduced the risk and are open for business. Before reopening, all facilities must:

1. Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan
2. Train employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, including how to [screen themselves for symptoms](#) and stay home if they have them
3. Implement individual control measures and screenings
4. Implement disinfecting protocols
5. Implement physical distancing guidelines

It is critical that employees needing to self-isolate because of COVID-19 are encouraged to stay at home, with sick leave policies to support that, to prevent further infection in your workplace. See additional information on [government programs supporting sick leave and worker's compensation for COVID-19](#).

The State describes high-risk workplaces/venues to include:

- Personal services such as nail salons, tattoo parlors, gyms and fitness studios
- Hospitality services, such as bars and lounges
- Entertainment venues, such as movie theaters, gaming facilities, and pro sports
- Indoor museums, kids museums and gallery spaces, zoos, and libraries
- Community centers, including public pools, playgrounds, and picnic areas
- Religious services and cultural ceremonies
- Nightclubs
- Concert venues
- Festivals
- Theme parks
- Hotels/lodging for leisure and tourism

Out-of-home personal services such as salons, and recreation and community facilities are generally categorized by the State as high-risk workplaces/venues, which could re-open with limitations at Stage 3 of the State's recovery road map.

It is unclear how at-home personal services are categorized and their category may depend on whether or not social distancing can be maintained and how much personal contact is required.

Community centers, public swimming facilities, picnic areas are included in the State's high-risk category and would not be permitted during Stage 2 of the recovery.

### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

CONSIDER the impacts of COVID-19 on the following business sectors and discuss pathways that may allow these business to resume, if possible, within the limitations established by the County Health Officer:

#### 1. Personal Services

1. Personal services in the home such as cleaning services, piano tuners
2. Personal services outside the home in salons, individual suites

#### 2. Recreation/Lifestyle Services

1. Health Clubs/Gyms
2. Camping/RV Parks
3. Swimming Schools
4. Municipal Parks and Recreation Programs

### **Fiscal Impact (if any):**

No fiscal impact. The Committee's meetings facilitate the exchange of information and ideas.

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### **Attachments**

Update-on-California-Pandemic-Roadmap

Public Comment Personal Services

Public Comment Kathy Rennar 5-6-2020

Public Comment Liz Claytor 5-6-2020

Public Comment Zafina Sabar 5-5-2020

Public Comment Thrift Stores

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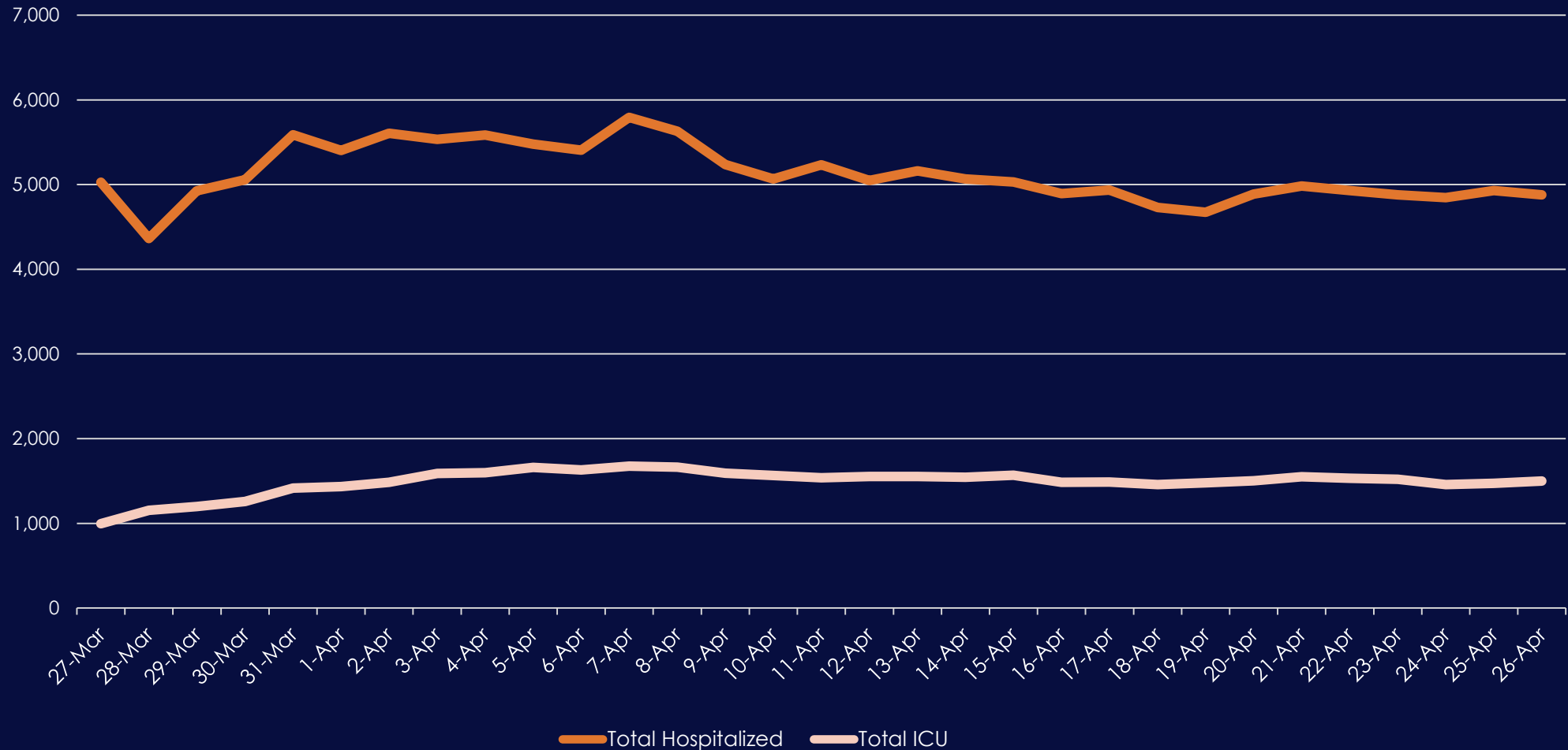
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# Update on California's Pandemic Roadmap

## 6 Indicators for Modifying Stay-at-Home Order

- Ability to test, contact trace, isolate, and support the exposed
- Ability to protect those at high risk for COVID-19
- Surge capacity for hospital and health systems
- Therapeutic development to meet the demand
- Ability of businesses, schools, and childcare facilities to support physical distancing
- Determination of when to reinstitute measures like Stay-At-Home

# California Hospitalization Trend Lines



Total includes both COVID-19 confirmed positive hospitalizations as well as COVID-19 suspect hospitalizations.

# The Basics



COVID-19 is not going away soon.



Modifications to Stay-At-Home Order must be guided by health risk and a commitment to equity.



Taking responsibility is key at all levels – individual, business, and government.

# Resilience Roadmap Stages

## **STAGE 1: Safety and Preparedness**

Making essential workforce environment as safe as possible.

## **STAGE 2: Lower Risk Workplaces**

Creating opportunities for lower risk sectors to adapt and re-open.

Modified school programs and childcare re-open.

## **STAGE 3: Higher Risk Workplaces**

Creating opportunities for higher risk sectors to adapt and re-open.

## **STAGE 4: End of Stay-At-Home Order**

Return to expanded workforce in highest risk workplaces.

Requires  
Therapeutics.



# Stage 1: Safety and Preparedness

**This is where we are now.**

- **Continue to build out testing, contact tracing, PPE, and hospital surge capacity.**
- **Continue to make essential workplaces as safe as possible.**
  - Physical and work flow adaption
  - Essential workforce safety net
  - Make PPE more widely available
  - Individual behavior changes
- **Prepare sector-by-sector safety guidelines for expanded workforce.**

## Stage 2: Lower Risk Workplaces

**Gradually opening some lower risk workplaces with ADAPTATIONS:**

- Retail (e.g. curbside pickup)
- Manufacturing
- Offices (when telework not possible)
- Opening more public spaces

**Expanded Workforce Safety Net:**

- Wage replacement so workers can stay home when sick

## Stage 2: Lower Risk Workplaces

### **Schools and Childcare Facilities with Adaptations:**

- Summer programs and next school year potentially starting sooner (July/August)
- Childcare facilities to provide more care
- Address learning gaps
- Ensure students and staff are protected
- Allow broader workforce to return to work

# Actions needed to get from Stage 1 to Stage 2



## Government Actions

- Policies that allow people to stay home when they're sick
- Guidance provided on how to reduce risk



## Business Actions

- Wage replacement so workers can stay home when sick
- Implement adaptations to lower-risk workplaces NOW
- Employees continue to work from home when possible



## Individual Actions

- Safety precautions – physical distancing, face coverings, etc.
- Avoid all non-essential travel
- Support and care for people who are at high risk

# When are we ready for Stage 2?

## Key indicator considerations to move to Stage 2:

- Hospitalization and ICU trends stable.
- Hospital surge capacity to meet demand.
- Sufficient PPE supply to meet demand.
- Sufficient testing capacity to meet demand.
- Contact tracing capacity statewide.

**Transition to Stage 2 will occur through a statewide modification to the Stay-At-Home Order.**

# Opportunity for Regional Variations

**During Stage 2, counties may choose to relax stricter local orders at their own pace.**

**Following Stage 2, once a statewide COVID-19 surveillance system is made possible through testing, further regional variations could be supported.**

**State will consult and collaborate closely with local governments.**

## Stage 3: Higher Risk Workplaces

Open higher risk environments with adaptations and limits on size of gatherings:

- Personal care (hair and nail salons, gyms)
- Entertainment venues (movie theaters, sports without live audiences)
- In-person religious services (churches, weddings)

## Stage 4: End of Stay-At-Home Order

Re-open highest risk workplaces with all indicators satisfied once therapeutics have been developed:

- Concerts
- Convention Centers
- Live audience sports

# Be Part of the Solution

**Stay Home. Practice Physical Distancing.**

**We are enlisting all Californians to help inform the development of guidance for sectors across our economy.**

**This guidance will provide a framework for how to safely re-open.**



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Save Lives**

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**covid19.ca.gov**

**From:** [Anne O](#)  
**To:** [Julie Enea](#)  
**Subject:** For Ad Hoc: FW: Phone call/ zoom request- Terri Nuno - Liberty Gymnastics - Concord  
**Date:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:34:03 AM

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Hello Colleen,

How are you doing? It must be super crazy in the current climate with the daily changes.

I am hoping you can lend me a hand. The gymnastics community will be reaching out to our state officials with standards upon re-opening. We have been forming a task force to speak directly to those officials and present our concerns, and plans. I would love Supervisor Mitchoff and Senator Glazier to be a part of the process.

How would I go about getting in contact with them. As an FYI the gymnastics in Northern California alone is over 60 clubs and thousands of athletes. This doesn't even include our Southern California Gyms. Our state is so large we have to separate into two completely different "states."

I look forward to hearing from you.

Terri Nuno CCO

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**From:** [David Twa](#)  
**To:** [Candace Andersen](#); [Karen Mitchoff](#)  
**Cc:** [Julie Enea](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please help  
**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 11:32:44 AM

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FYI - Just in case you did not see this

I forwarded it on to Dr. Farnitano for consideration by the Bay Area Health Officers

let me know if you have any questions. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephanie Gan <sng925@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 10:30 AM  
To: David Twa <David.Twa@cao.cccounty.us>  
Subject: Please help

Hello,

I own a dog grooming business in Oakley, CA. While I have seen other salons remain open in contra costa county, I closed down during the stay at home order because I was originally told we are considered non essential.

While I agree that we are non essential in short term, dogs without grooming for a length of time can cause them serious health issues that could have been avoided with maintenance of skin, coat, and nails.

The main reason is the dog's health, yet It is also tough seeing the big box pet stores staying open and continue to groom dogs while other small business grooming salons are suffering.

My question is do we have to stay closed?

The way I have always ran my salon was grooming one customers dog at a time by appointment only. I can and would follow strict guidelines needed during this time.

I could have no contact with customers by not allowing any one inside the salon. I could also do curbside pick up and drop off of the dogs while using our washable leashes. And making everyone wear masks. Also I would do invoice payments only. My business is one at low risk being that we have very low contact with others, and would have no problem with a 6ft distance. The dogs are suffering with matted coats, skin conditions that we take care of are going untreated, nails that are getting way too long. I do understand vets can take care of some things but most are only taking in emergency cases. It's upsetting to let a dog get this neglected by owners having no choice due to their dog's care facility, their groomer, having to turn them away. This in turn costing them tons in vet bills that could have been avoided.

Please consider us essential as we have been closed too long at this point to where the dogs need us.

Thank you for your time

~Stephanie Gan

## Julie Enea

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**From:** Kathy Renner  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 5, 2020 5:26 PM  
**To:** Julie Enea  
**Subject:** Public comment for May 7 Ad Hoc meeting with Candace Anderson & Karen Mitchoff

In case I am unable to make the zoom call on Thursday, I would like to offer the following suggestions. I am certainly advocating for opening our businesses ASAP as the unemployment far outweighs the shut down that has occurred for the last almost 8 weeks, in my opinion. I also understand the position you need to have on the "safety" of such measures, but the future of our cities, county and state is in jeopardy. With less than 30 covid deaths county wide and under 25 in the hospital, we have not overwhelmed our medical facilities; in fact many have such little activity that staff is being furloughed. In addition, we have seen that the virus affects the elderly and those with "underlying conditions" more. Quarantine the vulnerable but the healthy need to get back to work!

Finally, the measures taken thus far could be considered unconstitutional violating the freedom of movement, freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of assembly. We have to BALANCE civil liberties with public health; not take one at expense of the other. The government must take the least restrictive measures and it's time to loosen up the restrictions. For goodness sakes, it feels like the homeless and formerly incarcerated have more rights & services than the average taxpayer (who is a prisoner in their own home)! Do I have the right to leave my own home to pursue providing for my family?

That being said, we have survived going to the grocery stores and to the home improvement stores under lock down since March 17; we can be trusted as citizens to open the following immediately:

1. Businesses with one on one interaction such as all medical appointments routine and otherwise (doctors, therapists etc.)
2. All elective and routine surgeries to the extent not already OK'd
3. Other businesses with one on one interactions - haircuts, barbers, etc.
4. Drive in movies and other businesses that could operate with a drive in feature - churches, etc.
5. Restaurants, bars etc. that have an outdoor area; keep in store patrons limited to distance requirements as necessary
6. Recreational facilities that could maintain the distance while keeping open (gyms, spas, pools).
7. Retail cannot survive on curb side only; Add in store patrons limited to the distance requirements. (An example: Sears in Sun Valley is such a large store that you could fit a larger number of people inside vs. a small grocery store).

If above follow the standards in place already, it should be fairly easy for everyone. I'm sure there are more ideas but these are a few off the top of my head.

Finally, we must indemnify the businesses & workers and the public such that no one gets sued or in trouble for being an open business. Unfortunately, the virus is not going away and people will continue to get sick. BUT, many of us probably have already had it (myself in late January) and/or have had it with no symptoms. The face covering situation should prevent the virus droplets from landing on anyone close. We have to open up as livelihoods lost will far outweigh the virus. Our business keep us all going; and keep the tax revenue flowing to the city/county services. The federal government money is tapped out and the state government is already blown through its "rainy day" fund and unemployment trust fund. We need to be in charge of our own local destiny.

Thank you for your consideration and expediency in getting this accomplished!  
Kathy Renner  
Pleasant Hill resident for over 30 years



Dear Chair Anderson and Vice Chair Mitchoff:

My name is Liz Claytor, and I am the owner of Splash Swim School, a learn to swim and water safety program, with commercial facilities in San Ramon and Walnut Creek, California. We provide year-round, indoor swim lessons to children, ages six months and up, and we have taught thousands of children to swim since we opened for lessons in 2006.

I am writing regarding Contra Costa County Health Services' Updated Frequently Asked Questions – 5/5; <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/frequently-asked-questions> (the "FAQs"). Specifically, the following two FAQs under the heading of Caretaking and Education:

**Will summer camps for children be allowed to operate?**

*Yes, but they should follow our guidelines for other types of childcare settings. We recommend that children be in the same camp (with the same fixed cohort of 12 children or less) for at least four weeks at a time, and not switch camps every week. Click to view the Guidance for Modified Childcare During COVID-19 Pandemic.*

**Are swimming and contact sports allowed in a camp?**

*Swimming, use of shared equipment and close contact like in contact sports (including gymnastics) are allowed during a child/youth educational or recreational activity if the rules regarding stable groups of 12 or fewer children contained in the health order are followed. Cohorts of the same 12 people at a camp or on a team can swim as long as they function like a camp. They cannot compete with other teams or have members who come and go from one group to another...*

At Splash, our primary mission, along with the swim school industry as a whole, is to educate children in the areas of life-saving swim skills and water safety awareness. This mission is especially critical in Contra Costa County where there are swimming pools and bodies of water everywhere.

Drowning is the number one cause of death for children ages 1-4, and a leading cause for kids up to 14 years old<sup>i</sup>. In California alone, we average 51 deaths each year of children under four due to drowning<sup>ii</sup>, and the CDC believes that for every child who dies from drowning, another five receive emergency care for near drowning<sup>iii</sup>. The most tragic thing of all is that drowning is preventable. We know that swim lessons add an important layer of protection, and the NIH has found that formal swim lessons decrease the risk of drowning for young children by 88%<sup>iv</sup>. May is National Water Safety Month, and as the current shelter order stands, this will be the first time in nearly 15 years that Splash will not be able to practice this message with our children. Water safety and drowning prevention is our passion and life's work, and we need to get back to it.

We believe this to be more true than ever in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. This has been a very uncertain time for a number of reasons, but what is certain is that our children are more at risk than ever. Shelter in place orders mean that children now have an abundance of time to find bodies of water both in and out of the home, and we know that all it takes is a couple of inches<sup>v</sup>. Compounding the problem, parents now have a whole host of added distractions, such

as managing a full-time household, being forced into the role of a homeschool teacher, trying to telework and/or restructuring to survive in the face of unemployment. Any of these distractions alone is enough to create opportunity for a child to get to water unsupervised.

Given the life-saving nature of our business, Splash respectfully requests that it be allowed to teach swim lessons under the category of summer camps for children with the same fixed cohorts of 12 children or less in accordance with the FAQs.

If allowed to resume operations, Splash is prepared to adopt various mitigation measures to protect our children, parents and staff. We are willing to engage in a science-based dialogue with health officials regarding which measures might be appropriate for our industry.

Lastly, guidance issued by the CDC suggests that chlorine kills the virus that causes COVID-19, and there is no evidence that the virus can be spread through pools<sup>vi</sup>. By working in properly chlorinated water, a swim school environment may be safer from COVID-19 than other business environments where critical work surfaces and equipment are not in constant contact with a disinfecting substance.

In closing, we believe there is currently a void in services crucial to the safety of the children in our communities, and we appreciate your consideration that we be permitted to resume teaching these crucial life-saving swimming skills. I am available to discuss further at your convenience. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Liz Claytor  
President & CFO  
Splash Swim School, Inc.

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<sup>i</sup> "Drowning Prevention Toolkit - AAP.org." <https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/campaigns/drowning-prevention/Pages/default.aspx>. Accessed 28 Apr. 2020.

<sup>ii</sup> "2019 Drowning Prevention Message From Governor Gavin ...." <https://www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-Drowning-Prevention-Message-From-Governor-Gavin-Newsom.pdf>. Accessed 28 Apr. 2020.

<sup>iii</sup> "Unintentional Drowning: Get the Facts | Home and ... - CDC." <https://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalafety/water-safety/waterinjuries-factsheet.html>. Accessed 28 Apr. 2020.

<sup>iv</sup> "Association Between Swimming Lessons and Drowning in ...." <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4151293/>. Accessed 29 Apr. 2020.

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<sup>v</sup> "Water Safety (for Parents) - Nemours KidsHealth." <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/water-safety.html>. Accessed 29 Apr. 2020.

<sup>vi</sup> "Water and COVID-19 FAQs | CDC." 23 Apr. 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html>. Accessed 28 Apr. 2020.



## Julie Enea

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**Subject:** FW: Salon Suites versus Salons, Stage 2 Request

**From:** "Zafar, Sabina" <[szafar@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:szafar@sanramon.ca.gov)>

**Date:** May 5, 2020 at 12:52:59 PM PDT

**To:** "[Candace.Kay.Andersen@gmail.com](mailto:Candace.Kay.Andersen@gmail.com)" <[Candace.Kay.Andersen@gmail.com](mailto:Candace.Kay.Andersen@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Fw: Salon Suites versus Salons, Stage 2 Request

Candace,

Hope you and your family is doing well and staying safe. Thank you for your leadership and updates at the Mayor's breakfast. I just wanted to share the below email from one of our small business owners, and put it on your radar.

Best Regards,

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**From:** Nicole Alphin Bartholow  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 4:27 PM  
**To:** Zafar, Sabina  
**Subject:** Salon Suites versus Salons, Stage 2 Request !!Think Before You Click - This Message Originated from an EXTERNAL Source!!

Vice Mayor Safar

As Governor Newsom moves to extend control back to the county and local level for re-opening procedures, please hear our plea representing 33 small business in San Ramon. Salons have been unfairly lumped together into one classification when they should be separated into two categories, *salons* and *salon suites*. All salon professionals are licensed by the state and have clear sanitation guidelines that are far beyond those of any retail, daycare or most manufacturing. However, with regard to safety, salon and suites are two very different environments. Respectfully, we submit that *salon suites* should be categorized with the Stage 2 re-opening.

*Salon suites* are single service salons. All services are 1-on-1 in a closed setting like that of a doctor's exam room, though larger in most cases. We don't have any place in the salon that high concentrations of people are in a shared space, ever. Since our salon suite has a concierge at the front door, we can monitor and

sterilize our minimal common space. We know our clientele well, and they know us. Due to these close relationships we're confident no one would ever risk spreading the virus to get a service done, nor would we risk spreading it to our clientele. Also, because we know our clientele so well, it's easy enough for us to ask a few questions about their recent health and travel to decide if they can enter the salon. Taking extra precautions like; face shields, masks, gloves, disposable capes, and temperature checks for customers and stylists would be the minimum expectation. Our suite owners know how to be safe; a significant part of cosmetology school is centered around safety.

We want to do our part to slow the spread of the virus, but our 33 small businesses in Crow Canyon Commons also want to get back to work under the good graces of our city, county and state officials. As of May 4, 2020, they have not yet received unemployment or stimulus checks. Banks have overlooked their small sole-proprietorships for PPP and EID loans. We have given them free rent during this period so that they may focus on feeding their families. **They are in the gap of government assistance.** They want to get back to work, they need to get back to work, and their families need them to get back to work. Please consider opening salon suites in Stage 2. Every week we lose further damages our ability to come back.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nicole & Brad Bartholow

Owners, Salons by JC San Ramon

**Representing the following San Ramon Sole Proprietorships:**

Hair Designs by Evelina

Hair by Jodi

Mergie Creative Styling

Melanie Brown Salon

Hair by Shelby

Gone in a Wink

Lash Art

Marta De Leon

Studio N

Estilo toni

Marvella's Skin Care

Star Beauty Lounge

Jasmine Skin Care

Hair by Erika

Hair by Jeaneane Moreno

Mu Salon

Rikki Lee

Tammy Sharifi

The White Opal

Artistic Hair Design

Hair by Jane Joo

Hair by Tammy Q

Blossom Nails

Donna Grooms

Juanita's Hair Design

YPL Hair

Hair by Tara

Skin by Jenn

Grace's Place of Beauty

Kristi K Salon

SH Styling

Jen Woodburn

**Subject:** FW: Thrift Stores

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On Apr 30, 2020, at 2:49 PM, Kathy Chiverton <[kathychiverton@discoveryctr.net](mailto:kathychiverton@discoveryctr.net)> wrote:

Hi Jill,

Thank you for your offer of help in determining when and how local thrift stores can re-open. We have seen in the most recent Shelter in Place guidelines that retail will be allowed to operate if they have curbside pick-up. Unfortunately, most thrift stores do not lend themselves to on-line shopping or phone orders. They are, however, critically important in providing funding for essential services.

Would it be possible for you or Candace to convene a meeting of Contra Costa County thrift store operators, e.g., Assistance League, Hospice of the East Bay, Discovery Counseling Center? It would be helpful for all of us to get some guidance from county health officials on when they think we might re-open. Also, what protocols should we implement for the safety of our staff and customers? What procedures should we follow in accepting donations?

This work may already have been done and if there are guidelines, I would greatly appreciate it if you could send them to me. I have copied the President of the Friends of Discovery, Jenise Falk, on this email. She has volunteers (many over 65) who are eager to get back to work. We want to be sure that we are able to keep them safe.

Many thanks, Jill!

Warmest regards,

*Kathy Chiverton*  
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