

CITY of CARPINTERIA, CALIFORNIA



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CARPINTERIA & SB COUNTY APPROVED FOR ADDITIONAL REOPENING

May 21, 2020 --- With permission from the State of California, the County of Santa Barbara will take another step in the reopening process. Starting today, in-dining restaurants, retail and shopping malls in Santa Barbara County, including the City of Carpinteria, are allowed to open, under the condition that they follow safety guidance provided by the State. The steps necessary to reopen are all detailed at <https://recovery.sbc.org/reopen-your-business/>.

This additional reopening has been approved by the State due to Santa Barbara County's successful efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The County has met necessary metrics set forth by the State that include an increased rate of testing and a reduced rate of new COVID-19 cases. Approval by the State paved the way for a new health officer order issued today from the County Department of Public Health, which can be found at http://www.countyofsb.org/uploadedFiles/phd/PROGRAMS/Disease_Control/Corona/HOO2020-8-2Stage2.pdf.

While the County has seen success in reducing the spread of the virus, it is critical that business owners and members of the public continue to act responsibly as our City, County and State move through the stages of reopening. Residents and visitors must continue to follow guidelines to prevent the spread of the COVID-19. Social distancing remains a requirement, and failure to do so could jeopardize the progress made and force a re-tightening of loosened restrictions.

The City of Carpinteria has taken several steps to discourage crowding in high-demand public places, such as local beaches, and recently implemented requirements for employees and customers of local businesses to wear face coverings. Greater numbers of visitors are likely to arrive in Carpinteria during the holiday weekend, and it is imperative that measures continue to be taken to reduce the transmission of the virus.

"We appreciate everything Carpinteria residents and business owners have done to keep our community safe," City Manager Dave Durflinger said, "and we will continue to support a safe reopening of the economy that balances public health and the health of our business community."

Detailed information about Santa Barbara County's reopening plans can be found at <https://recovery.sbc.org/>. Restaurants interested in establishing expanded outdoor dining areas may contact the City at (805) 684-5405.

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