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Additional retailers and businesses allowed to reopen and County of Orange orders mandatory face coverings in all public areas

WESTMINSTER, Calif. - The County of Orange has received approval from the State of California to reopen additional retailers and businesses. An order from the Orange County Health Officer has also been issued to expand the mandate on face coverings to all Orange County residents and visitors.

Effective May 23, 2020, the following businesses have been approved by the state for reopening as long as the businesses can meet social distancing and safety guidelines:

- Retail shopping - curbside and in-person
- Restaurants for limited dine-in, takeout, and delivery; other amenities like bars or gaming areas are not permitted
- Office-based businesses
- Limited personal services such as laundromats and other laundry services, staffed car washes, pet grooming, dog walking, and landscaping
- Outdoor museums, open gallery spaces and other open spaces
- Destination retail, including shopping malls, strip malls, and swap meets

For a complete list of business sectors allowed to reopen and industry guidelines for visit the state's website at <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>. The County of Orange press release is available on the [county's website](#).

Pursuant to the Orange County Health Officer's order issued and effective May 23, all businesses that are permitted to reopen in Orange County must comply with [industry-specific guidelines](#) and businesses must post a checklist.

The checklist shall be visible at the entrance of the business and specifically include an attestation by the business owner and/or operator that the business has:

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

Westminster businesses may download a [reopening plan template](#) to use as a guide for creating a checklist by visiting the city's dedicated "[Reopening: Westminster Businesses](#)" webpage.

The Orange County Health Officer's order also mandates Orange County residents and visitors to wear a cloth face covering when in a public place; when visiting a retail, commercial, or other place of business, or at work; and when the resident or visitor is not able to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from another person who is not a member of the household.

The complete order is available at [online](#) and includes exceptions for anyone who cannot wear a face covering, additional mandates for self-isolation, strong recommendations, and frequently asked questions.

The reopening of businesses is not a directive to return to normal at this time. The goals as defined in the state's "[Resilience Roadmap](#)" is comprised of four stages in which businesses will gradually reopen and adapt to new guidelines in the interest of public health.

Select city buildings and facilities will begin reopening on May 26 and June 1.

For additional information and the latest updates, visit the City's dedicated coronavirus [webpage](#) at <https://projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates>.

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