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## State issues curfew and limited stay-at-home order, begins 10 p.m. Saturday

WESTMINSTER, Calif. - The State of California has issued a curfew and limited stay-at-home order for all counties currently in the purple "widespread" tier, including Orange County.

Beginning 10 p.m. Nov. 21, any person who is not conducting essential business or activity must stay at home between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. daily. All non-essential businesses must also close at night in accordance with the curfew.

Essential businesses are defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's <u>Cybersecurity</u> and <u>Infrastructure Security Agency</u>.

The order does not prevent members of the same household from leaving their residence as long as they do not engage in any interaction or gather with anyone from other households. Essential activities allowed under the order include traveling to or from work, a healthcare provider, or an urgent destination; going to the grocery or drug store; taking a walk with the dog; and picking up takeout food.

Restaurants may continue operating for takeout only past curfew hours, but may not allow dining between curfew hours. Social activities or gatherings, even if outdoors, are also not permitted during the curfew.

The order will remain in effect until 5 a.m., Dec. 21 unless extended by state officials.

Residents who are concerned about businesses in Westminster that are non-essential and operating outside the curfew are encouraged to contact the city via the <u>online contact form</u> or leave a message at (714) 548-3246.

Orange County recently moved from the red "substantial" tier to the purple "widespread" tier in the State of California's "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" reopening plan. The purple tier is the most restrictive tier in the state's color-coded, four-tier system aimed at gradually reopening business sectors safely.

The mandate for Californians to wear face coverings in public spaces remains in effect. A limited supply of face coverings are available at City Hall, Community Services and Recreation, and the Corporate Yard during business hours for residents in need of one.

For additional information and the latest updates, visit the City's dedicated coronavirus webpage at <a href="https://projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates">https://projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates</a>.

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