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LA County Announces Closure of Bars due to Surge in COVID-19 Cases; Beaches Closed for 4th of July Weekend

Monterey Park, Calif. - June 30, 2020 - Los Angeles County will heed Gov. Gavin Newsom's directive that bars in the county must close. The [County Health Officer Order](#) has been amended to require that all bars, breweries, brew pubs, pubs, wineries and tasting rooms in L.A. County close unless they are offering sit-down dine-in meals. This includes closing bar areas in restaurants.

"There has been a sharp increase in new cases and hospitalizations. The timing of these increases is in line with the reopening of key sectors, including bars, which are places where people remove their face covering to drink while they may be socializing with people not in their households," LA County stated in a news release.

Beaches Closed for the July 4 Weekend

In addition, Los Angeles County beaches and beach facilities will be closed to the public for the Fourth of July holiday weekend in an effort to prevent gatherings and crowds that may spread COVID-19. [Under the modified order from the Health Officer](#), all beaches, beach parking lots, beach bike paths, beach facilities and beach access ways will be closed from 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 3, until 5 a.m. Monday, July 6.

Monterey Park Facilities Status

In the City of Monterey Park, parking lots at city parks remain closed. Public and private gatherings and events among persons not in the same household are prohibited. Open amenities at parks include open space areas for exercise; restrooms at Garvey Ranch Park and Barnes Park; Edison Trails; and tennis/pickleball courts with restrictions.

"While it's disappointing to take a step back on our economic recovery journey, it's critical that we protect the health of our residents and protect the capacity in our healthcare system," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Otherwise, we are quickly moving toward overwhelming our healthcare system and seeing even more devastating illness and death. All of us must take immediate actions to stop spreading COVID-19 in our communities. L.A. County residents should stay home as much as possible, but when they are out and around others, it is very important to practice physical distancing and properly wear a cloth face covering at all times."

"The State-mandated closing comes as the Department of Public Health is reporting significant increases in COVID-19 hospitalizations and the testing positivity rate. The Reopening Protocols, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Roadmap to Recovery, Recovery Dashboard, and additional things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov."

Still closed are movie theaters, live performance theaters, entertainment centers, concert halls and venues, stadiums, arenas, gaming facilities, theme parks, lounges and nightclubs, hot tubs, steam rooms and saunas not located on a residential property and festivals.

The City of Monterey Park will continue to monitor Health Officer Orders and will provide accurate and timely updates to the community as information becomes available. Please continue to check the City's website for updates at www.montereypark.ca.gov/coronavirus.

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