

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION (APRIL 2020 ARCHIVE)

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is the beach open?

In an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 to protect public safety, Santa Monica State Beach and all other Los Angeles County beaches are closed by order of the LA County Public Health Officer. This closure extends to the beach bike path, beach parking lots, beach access points, and Palisades Park and is in effect through May 15. We encourage you to abide by the stay-at-home orders in place for the state of California and stay safe.

2. Can I ride or walk on the bike bath?

The beach bike path is also closed. While it is not safe to visit our beach in person, you can [experience the beach virtually](#) with the Santa Monica State beach cam. Looking to get some exercise? Many Santa Monica businesses are also offering [virtual wellness experiences](#).

3. Is muscle beach open?

In accordance with the closure of Los Angeles County beaches, all facilities at Santa Monica State Beach, including muscle beach, is currently closed.

4. Can we go to the Pier?

The Santa Monica Pier is also closed at this time in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. If you are looking for fun activities to do as a family, many Santa Monica businesses are offering [virtual activities for children](#).

5. If Santa Monica beach is closed, what about Venice beach?

All Los Angeles County beaches are closed at this time. This includes Venice beach. We encourage you to abide by the stay-at-home orders in place for the state of California and stay safe.

6. What hotels are open?

With the coronavirus pandemic affecting communities across the globe, there have been operational changes for many of Santa Monica's hotels. Santa Monica Travel & Tourism is monitoring the fluid situation and updating our hotel operations resource as developments arise. For an up-to-date list of open hotels, please visit santamonica.com/hotel-operations-update.

7. Where can I get takeout food from?

Thank you for your desire to support our local restaurants. Now more than ever it is important we eat local. Santa Monica Travel & Tourism has compiled a resource with all the restaurants offering takeout, curbside pickup and delivery. Please find a comprehensive list at santamonica.com/santa-monica-restaurants-offering-takeout-delivery.

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Santa Monica Extends Local Emergency and Associated Orders Through May 15
Santa Monica City Council has extended its local emergency through May 15, 2020, including its eleven emergency supplements and public space and facility closures. This extension aligns with Los Angeles County and the State of California and their public health authorities to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

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Santa Monica Farmers Market Shift to Single Weekend Market

The Santa Monica Farmers Markets will temporarily shift all weekend markets (Saturday Pico Farmers Market at Virginia Avenue Park, Saturday Downtown Santa Monica Farmers Market and Sunday Main Street Farmers Market) into one larger, Saturday market at the [current downtown farmers market location](#) (Arizona Avenue between 4th Street and Ocean Avenue) for the duration of the County and State Stay at Home Orders.

The consolidated Farmers Market plans to be open on Saturday, April 18, to allow access to essential groceries like fresh produce and to continue offering CalFresh/EBT and Market Match for qualified shoppers. The market's continuation of service also minimizes economic impacts to participating farmers, so they remain able to serve the market community in the months and years to come.

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Face Coverings Required by Santa Monica Businesses and Patrons

The City of Santa Monica issued the [eleventh supplemental order](#) to its local emergency in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), requiring all individuals who work or provide services at "covered" businesses to wear face coverings while performing their work. The order requires employers to either provide or cover the cost of face coverings for employees as well as access to hand washing at least every 30 minutes. Under the order, customers of businesses are also required to wear face coverings to provide additional protection for workers and other visitors to businesses.

Face coverings or a scarf (dense fabric, without holes), bandana, neck gaiter, or other mask or covering made of cloth or other fabric that covers a person's nose and mouth. Single-use face coverings must be properly discarded into trash receptacles. Medical grade face masks are not part of this definition and should be limited to use by healthcare and essential service workers.

All Santa Monica residents are encouraged but not required to wear face coverings whenever they go outside their homes to obtain essential services and goods, as defined by the Governor's Stay at Home Order and the County Department of Public Health's Safer at Home Order.

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Drive-up mobile testing sites for COVID-19 are open across LA County and LA City.

Through a City-County partnership, Los Angeles County is working on expanding this network and increasing testing capacity as quickly as possible to meet the community's needs – which are growing every day.

You must book an appointment ahead of time online at coronavirus.lacity.org/testing. Those without an appointment will not be able to be tested, and tests are limited to those who would be most at risk for severe complications from COVID-19, or those who have been exposed to a confirmed case.

You can be tested if you are:

- 65 and older and/or
- Have underlying health conditions, including:
 - Diabetes
 - Heart disease
 - Hypertension
 - Chronic lung disease
 - Moderate to severe asthma
 - People who are immunocompromised, including as a result of cancer treatment; and/or
- Have been subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine period because they have been exposed to an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 and have more than 7 days of the 2-week quarantine period remaining.

If you meet these criteria, please sign up, and get more info at covid19.lacounty.gov/testing.

Palisades Park is closed through April 19

Installation of temporary fencing is being installed in Palisades Park and should be completed early next week. Parking on the west side of Ocean Avenue will be closed to the public.