

FAQS FOR SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH ORDERS

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We are at a critical point in managing the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. According to health experts, our collective actions have had a positive impact. Hospitalizations for COVID-19 infected patients in San Francisco have been stable for several weeks. However, the vast majority of the population remains susceptible to infection, and there is not yet an effective treatment or cure for the disease. San Francisco is working on building up its testing, case finding, case investigation and contact tracing capacity. While that happens, it is imperative that the City extend the duration of its stay-at-home order. At the same time, we can ease restrictions on some activities with a lower risk of spreading the virus. The City will continue to strictly apply the Order consistent with its stated intent, and you must strictly follow it. The answers to frequently asked questions below should guide your compliance. The City will keep updating this information to align with the best public health practices and any changes to the Order as circumstances evolve. We have a path forward. Everyone needs to continue to pull together—and together we will get through this.

STAY SAFE AT HOME EXPLAINED

What does the Order do?

As of May 4, 2020, there will be a new Order that replaces the existing stay-at-home order ("May 4 Order"). The May 4 Order requires that most people continue sheltering in their place of residence through May 31, 2020. However, the new Order makes a number of significant changes, which are highlighted below:

Essential Businesses:

- Under the new May 4 Order, all construction projects can resume, provided they comply with the Construction Project Safety Protocols issued as part of the Order.
- Commercial as well as residential real estate transactions are allowed to fully resume, but with continued restrictions on in-person viewings and appointments.
- Under the new Order, childcare establishments, and other educational and recreational programs can operate to provide care and supervision for children to allow all persons who are working in essential businesses or outdoor businesses or performing minimum basic operations to access childcare. All of these operations must comply, to the greatest extent possible, with restrictions specified in the Order, including that they be carried out in stable groups of 12 or fewer children. This category is also subject to the State's Shelter in Place Order.