

**INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC GUIDANCE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF  
THE COUNTY OF SONOMA REGARDING REQUIRED BEST  
PRACTICES FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITY BUSINESSES**

This industry-specific guidance is being issued pursuant to the June 5, 2020 Order of the Health Officer C19-14 (the “Shelter in Place Order”) and unless otherwise defined below, initially capitalized terms used in this guidance have the same meaning given them in that order. This guidance goes into effect immediately upon issuance.

This guidance remains in effect until suspended, superseded, or amended by the Health Officer, is supported by the justifications set forth in the Shelter in Place Order, and automatically incorporates any revisions to that order or other future orders issued by the Health Officer that supersede that order or reference this guidance. All businesses addressed herein and allowed to operate under the Shelter in Place Order are required to follow this industry-specific guidance and implement all Best Practices detailed below.

This guidance and its enumerated Best Practices may be revised by the Health Officer, through revision of this guidance or another future order, as conditions relating to COVID-19 require, in the discretion of the Health Officer. Each business identified herein must stay updated regarding any changes to the Shelter in Place Order, and local and state sector specific guidance by applicable to it by checking the website listed in Section 18 of the Shelter in Place Order.

**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE  
SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER DIRECTS AS  
FOLLOWS:**

This guidance applies to all owners, operators, managers, or supervisors of any business that Shelter in Place Order allowed to be open to the public in the County of Sonoma (the “County”) and that consist of any of the following:

1. An Outdoor Business otherwise entitled to operate under the Shelter in Place Order, and which previously operated predominately outside and provides its customers with recreational activities, opportunities and/or instruction occurring exclusively outside (and “Outdoor Recreation Activity Business”)
2. Each Outdoor Recreation Activity Business must prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol, attached as Appendix A to the Order, and any other industry or activity specific guidance issued by the Health Officer.
3. Depending on the nature of the business covered by this guidance, there may be certain people associated with the business that are subject to this guidance. Collectively those people are referred to by this guidance and the Best Practices as “Personnel”, and those people include all of the following who provide goods or services associated with the business in the County: employees; contractors and sub-contractors (such as those who

sell goods or perform services onsite or who deliver goods for the business); independent contractors (such as “gig workers” who perform work via the business’ app or other online interface); vendors who are permitted to sell goods onsite (such as farmers or others who sell at stalls in farmers’ markets); volunteers; and other individuals who regularly provide services onsite at the request of the business. This guidance requires the business to ensure that Personnel who perform work associated with the business are addressed by the Social Distancing Protocol and comply with those requirements.

4. Implementation of this guidance augments—but does not limit—the obligations of each recreational equipment rental business under all other existing Health Officer Orders, including, but not limited to, the Face Coverings Requirements and the obligation to prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol, attached as Appendix A to the Order, and any other industry or activity specific guidance issued by the Health Officer.
5. Best Practices for Outdoor Recreation Activity Businesses:
  - Ensure all Personnel and clients comply with the Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements detailed in the Shelter in Place Order.
  - Conduct all business and transactions involving members of the public in outdoor spaces in accordance with the requirements for Outdoor Businesses detailed in the Shelter in Place Order.
  - Any indoor facilities related to Outdoor Recreation Activity Business must be closed to the public.
  - Businesses offering classes or guided tours must track names and contact information for all activities and roll must be taken at each class or activity to enable potential tracking of transmission.
  - Groups must be limited to a maximum of 12 individuals per group, not including any instructors or other Personnel. Youth under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
  - No direct physical contact. No tournaments, competitions or other sporting events. No live audience activities. Recreational campgrounds remain closed.
  - Participants will be encouraged to provide their own equipment to the greatest extent possible. Any rental or business-provided equipment will be sanitized after each use and follow Industry-Specific Guidance of the Health Officer for Recreational Equipment Rental Businesses.
  - Equipment issued to a client will only be used by that client. Equipment will not be shared during a rental or activity.
  - Clients should be encouraged to provide their own transportation to and from the activity site. Transit options provided by an Outdoor Recreation Activity Business shall comply Social Distancing and Hygiene Requirements, Face Coverings Requirements, as well as relevant guidance for Public Transit and Intercity Passenger Rail (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-transit-rail.pdf>).
  - No congregating will be allowed before or after class.
  - Clients will provide or purchase their own water bottles, sunscreen and personal food.
  - Whenever possible, businesses should use markers to designate spots for each participant, and throughout class remind participants to stay in their marked area.

- Personnel shall screen all participants for symptoms before beginning any outdoor activity. The individual conducting the screening will avoid close contact with participants. Both screener and participant will wear Face Coverings during screening and throughout the remainder of activity as required by the Face Coverings Requirements of the Shelter in Place Order C19-14.
6. This guidance is issued in furtherance of the purposes of the Shelter in Place Order. Where a conflict exists between this guidance and any state, local, or federal public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including, without limitation, the Social Distancing Protocol, the most restrictive provision controls. Failure to carry out this guidance is a violation of the Shelter in Place Order, constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

