

**The Stanislaus County Public Health Officer prohibits the gathering of 1,000 or more people indoor and outdoor effective Monday, March 16, 2020 through at least March 31, 2020.**

#### Recommendations from CDPH on Community Gatherings

- **Large gatherings** that include 250 people or more should be postponed or canceled.
  - This includes gatherings such as concerts, conferences, and professional, college and school sporting events
- **Smaller gatherings** held in venues that do not allow **social distancing of six feet per person** should be postponed or canceled.
  - This includes gatherings in crowded auditoriums, rooms or other venues.
- Gatherings of **individuals who are higher risk** for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people.
  - This includes gatherings such as those at retirement facilities, assisted living facilities, developmental homes, and support groups for people with health conditions
- A **“gathering”** is any event or convening that brings together people in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria or any other indoor or outdoor space.

**Effective Date: Begins Monday March 16, 2020 through at least the end of March.**

#### **Guidance for Businesses**

- The CDPH guidance applies to all non-essential professional, social and community gatherings regardless of their sponsor.
- Businesses need to strongly encourage sick employees and customers to stay home
- All businesses should incorporate approved environmental cleaning and disinfection practices and encourage good hygiene for employees and customers.

#### **Guidance for Higher Risk Individuals**

- Those over 60 and/or have underlying conditions including heart disease, diabetes and lung disease
- Individuals who are higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should only go out for essential appointments or errands
- Gatherings of individuals who are higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people

This Guidance does not apply to:

- Regular school classes
- Work;
- Essential Services
- Public Transportation
- Airport travel
- Shopping at a store or mall
- Congregate living situations including dormitories and homeless encampments

**Questions and Answers**

- Q. Does this apply to **churches**?
- A. Yes, see community definitions for guidelines.
- Q. Does this apply to **casinos or amusement parks**.
- A. No, but check with the business entity as the situation is fluid.
- Q. Does this apply to **school sports or other extra-curricular activities**?
- A. Yes. It does not apply to attendance at regular school classes.
- Q. Does this guidance apply to **work**?
- A. No. The guidance does not apply to work or essential services.
- Q. Does this guidance apply to the **mall or shopping centers**?
- A. No, but you should remember to maintain good hygiene practices (hand washing, social distancing, covering your cough, etc.) when shopping.