

Contra Costa County

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Updated Guidance for Face Coverings

On July 7 Contra Costa County updated its [health order](#) about when and where members of the public should wear face coverings during the COVID-19 pandemic to align it with current state guidance. □

Local data indicate that COVID-19 is spreading rapidly in Contra Costa County. The county is currently on the California Department of Public Health's monitoring list because of increasing numbers of COVID-19 patients in local hospitals.

As of July 8, the County has 4,241 known cases, with 494 positive cases in Concord. To review a demographic and geographic breakdown of cases, please see the County's [COVID-19 dashboard](#).

The updated order specifies that face coverings should be worn in businesses and in areas where people wait in line to enter businesses, and that everyone should wear a mask or face covering whenever they are within six feet of another person who is not a member of their household, except in very limited, industry-specific situations.

People who have certain health conditions are exempt from wearing masks that fit snugly over the mouth and nose but must instead wear plastic face shields with cloth draping beneath to contain coughs and sneezes.

The order also requires businesses that are open during the pandemic to ensure their workers and volunteers wear face coverings, and to not serve or allow entry to anyone not wearing face coverings.

For more information, please visit the [County website](#). Residents can also call the Contra Costa County Coronavirus Call Center at (844) 729-8410 daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Paycheck Protection Program Accepting Applications

Attention Small Business Owners! The [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) has resumed accepting applications for the Paycheck Protection Program as of July 6. The new deadline to apply is **August 8, 2020**.

[Find a lender here.](#)

[Learn more about the Paycheck Protection Program.](#)

Participate in Virtual Public Meetings

Would you like to provide a public comment at an upcoming City Council meeting? We understand there has been some confusion about how to do this since public meetings went "virtual" in the era of COVID-19.

There are now three ways you can participate:

1. Submit your comments via email to cityclerk@cityofconcord.org, and the comments will be sent to all Councilmembers and posted on the City's website.
2. Submit your comments via email to cityclerk@cityofconcord.org when the agenda item you wish to speak on is up for discussion and request that City staff read your comment aloud into the record.
3. Participate in the Council meeting through the Zoom webinar platform and provide your own comments (limit 3 minutes) when that agenda item is up for discussion.

Please find all of details and the consistent Zoom link/log-in credentials on our [Public Meetings web page](#).

Help for Local Jobseekers

As part of the [#BounceBackContraCosta](#) campaign, the [Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County](#) created a web page specifically for jobseekers impacted by the pandemic. The page includes a video workshop series on how to write an effective resume and cover letter, as well as tutorials on how to access the CalJOBS platform and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) services.

Learn more through the [Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County](#).

Concord Live Brings the Tunes

"Concord Live!" is excited to welcome the [The UnOriginals](#), a local band who will perform some of your favorite covers on Facebook Live this Thursday, July 9. Tune in at 6 p.m. to our main [Facebook page](#) for a fun and free virtual concert!

[The UnOriginals](#) are a giga-power trio, a dynamic, exciting cover band that features an energetic stage show and virtuoso musicianship featuring hits from the 70s/80s/90s/00s/today!

Stay Informed

Stay up-to-date on news and information related to the local and state response to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Information for businesses, frequently asked questions about City services, as well as City resources are available through [our website](#).

Contra Costa COVID – 19 Resource Center

<https://www.cococovidresources.com/new-page>

Contra Costa Health Services

<https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/>

Regional Shelter-in-Place Orders Extended as Some Rules Ease

<http://www.bac3-ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/May-4-SIP-Order-Press-Release.pdf>

BAY AREA HEALTH OFFICERS' INDICATORS FOR ASSESSING PROGRESS ON CONTAINING COVID-19

<http://www.bac3-ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/04.29.20-Bay-Area-Health-Officer-Indicators.pdf>

Small Construction Project Safety Protocol

<http://www.bac3-ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Appendix-B-1-Sm-Project.pdf>

Large Construction Project Safety Protocol

<http://www.bac3-ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Appendix-B-2-Lg-Project.pdf>

Executive Summary of May 4, 2020 Shelter Order

<http://www.bac3-ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Executive-Summary-May-4-Order.pdf>

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<http://www.bac3-ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/HO-SIP-May-4.pdf>

