

COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

Short-Term Lodging Facilities

Now is not the time for vacation or leisure travel to SLO County. Cooperation with the local and State orders will help protect San Luis Obispo County residents from COVID-19 and support our efforts to adapt and reopen together sooner.

What: To limit the spread of COVID-19, short-term lodging facilities in San Luis Obispo County must limit occupancy to no more than 50 percent. Residential vacation rentals also must reduce the number of permitted tenancies per month by 50%. For hotels, motels, and RV parks no more than half of a facility's rooms may be booked on any day. If asked by any authority enforcing this order, facility managers must provide occupancy rate for any given day, along with supporting information. Facilities may request an exception from the County Public Health Official if it meets certain criteria.

When: Effective midnight (11:59 a.m.) on Sunday, May 17, 2020.

Who: Short-term lodging may be open only for limited purposes supporting COVID-19 response efforts.

Lodging facilities may book rooms for:

- Essential workers who need a place to stay while working in SLO County or traveling to/from essential work. This includes workers in health care, utilities, groceries, and more. See emergencyslo.org/reopening for details.
- Protecting the homeless population
- People who need to self-isolate or quarantine, and people who cannot stay in their own home because someone there needs to self-isolate or quarantine
- People who are here to care for a vulnerable person (elderly, minor, dependent, person with disabilities or other vulnerable population) who lives in SLO County.

What is not allowed? Lodging facilities should NOT book rooms for:

- People traveling for fun, vacation, recreation or leisure
- People planning optional trips to visit friends or family
- Any purposes other than those outlined above

Where: This order applies to all short-term lodging in SLO County. This includes hotels, motor hotels, motels, tourist courts or cabins, bed and breakfast inns, timeshares, RV parks, campgrounds, residential vacation rentals and homestays.

Why: A new County of San Luis Obispo Emergency Order limits hotel and short-term lodging occupancy rates to no more than 50 percent - and only for essential travel - to limit the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The order is intended to limit the spread of COVID-19 and reinforces State guidance, including the State health officer's direction that "Californians should not travel significant distances and should stay close to home."

Learn more at ReadySLO.org.