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San Joaquin Revises Stay At Home Order to Include Religious Services

Places of Worship are Permitted to Operate Following State Guidance

Stockton, Calif. – Effective immediately, all places of worship and providers of religious services and cultural ceremonies are permitted to operate in San Joaquin County. All places of worship must fully implement the guidance issued by California Department of Public Health yesterday.

Modifications are required to keep Californians safe and limit the spread of COVID-19. Under the new guidance, places of worship can hold religious services and funerals that limit attendance to 25% of a building’s capacity – or up to 100 attendees, whichever is lower.

The new guidance for religious services and cultural ceremonies encourages organizations to continue online services and activities, including protecting individuals who are most at risk for more severe COVID-19, including older adults and people with specific medical conditions.

In 21 days, the Department of Public Health, in consultation with local departments of public health, will review and assess the impact of the religious services guidelines and provide further direction as part of a phased-in restoration of activities. This 21-day interval accounts for seven days for religious communities to prepare and reopen in addition to a 14-day incubation period of COVID-19.

Find the amendment to the County Stay at Home Order at www.SJReady.org or more information about the state’s COVID-19 guidance on the California Department of Public Health’s Guidance [web page](#).

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