



# NEVADA COUNTY FAQ ON WHAT'S CURRENTLY ALLOWED DURING COVID

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## WHICH STATE AND REGIONAL COVID-19 ORDERS IS NEVADA COUNTY CURRENTLY UNDER?

Nevada County is currently operating under three state orders:

1. Statewide Stay Home Order, announced by Governor Newsom on March 19, 2020;

Although it is allowable, Nevada County does not have any local orders that are more restrictive than the state’s Orders.

You can learn more about these Orders at the [state’s About COVID-19 Restrictions website](#). The website has a Frequently Asked Questions section at the bottom of the page.

## WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THE ORDERS IMPACT MY WORK AND OTHER ACTIVITIES?

Because Nevada County doesn’t have any local restrictions in addition to the state’s, all information related to what is and isn’t allowed follows state guidance. You can find information about the Orders at the state’s [About COVID-19 Restrictions](#) website.

The state’s [Blueprint for a Safer Economy webpage](#) provides information about what activities are allowed based on the county’s current COVID-19 data. The Blueprint website is organized by the type of business. For instance, you can type in “Nevada” (under County) and “restaurants” (under Activity) to find out what is currently allowed for restaurants in our county and then get a link to the specific guidance for restaurants. For information about how the Orders impact particular industries, including guidance documents for industries, visit the state’s [Industry Guidance](#) webpage.

## WHEN DO I NEED TO WEAR A MASK?

California’s public health officials released [updated guidance on face coverings on November 18, 2020](#), which require residents to wear face coverings when outside one’s home, with some exceptions.

## ARE THE ORDERS MANDATORY OR JUST GUIDANCE?

All orders are mandatory.

## ARE GATHERINGS WITH OTHER HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED?

Whether and in what ways gatherings are allowed depends on the county's tier. Please follow the CA Department of Public Health's [guidance on gatherings](#).

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I TEST POSITIVE OR AM A CLOSE CONTACT TO SOMEONE WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE?

Because of the large number of cases in our community, people with a positive COVID test result may not hear from the Public Health Department. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or are a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (within six feet for at least 15 minutes when they are considered infectious), you need to follow the steps laid out in the [isolation/quarantine guidance](#).

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF SOMEONE TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 AT MY WORK OR BUSINESS?

If someone tests positive for COVID-19 at a workplace, that workplace should follow [workplace exposure guidance](#).

## WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

The best place to get updated information about the COVID-19 vaccine is the county's [COVID-19 Vaccine Information webpage](#). Residents can also enroll in vaccine information text updates by texting VACCINEINFO to 898211.

## CAN I ENGAGE IN POLITICAL RALLIES AND PROTEST GATHERINGS?

The state has provided guidance related to political protest gatherings and that guidance applies to Nevada County. However, we encourage you to check the [state's FAQ](#) to find the most up-to-date guidance on political protest gatherings and other COVID-19-related questions.

## ***Can I engage in political rallies and protest gatherings?***

*Yes, although in-person protests and rallies present special public health concerns for high risk of COVID-19 transmission.*

*Even with adherence to physical distancing, bringing members of different households together to engage in in-person protests and rallies carries an especially high risk of widespread transmission of COVID-19. Such gatherings may result in increased rates of infection, hospitalization, and death, especially among more vulnerable populations. In particular, activities like chanting, shouting, singing, and group recitation negate the risk-reduction achieved through 6 feet of physical distancing. For this reason, people engaging in these activities must wear face coverings at all times.*

*However, state public health directives do not prohibit in-person OUTDOOR protests and rallies as long as you maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet between persons or groups of persons from different households at all times. In addition, you must wear a face covering or mask. Local Health Officers are advised to consider appropriate limitations on outdoor attendance capacities, factoring their jurisdiction's key COVID-19 health indicators. Failure to follow these requirements may result in an order to disperse or other enforcement action.*

*In counties in the [Widespread \(purple\) tier](#), indoor protests and rallies are not currently permitted. In other counties, state public health directives do not prohibit in-person INDOOR protests and rallies as long as (1) attendance is limited as required by the [relevant restrictions](#) on places of worship and local health restrictions, (2) physical distancing of at least 6 feet between persons or groups of persons from different households is maintained at all times, and (3) singing and chanting activities are discontinued. Failure to follow these requirements may result in an order to disperse or other enforcement action. Masks and face coverings are required in compliance with CDPH directives.*

*Participants must maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet from any uniformed peace officers and other public safety personnel present, unless otherwise directed, and follow all other requirements and directives imposed by local health officers and law enforcement, or other applicable authorities.*

*This limitation on attendance will be reviewed regularly. This review will assess the impacts of these imposed limits on public health and provide further direction as part of a phased-in restoration of gatherings that implicate the First Amendment.*

## I'VE READ ALL THE RELEVANT GUIDANCE BUT I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS. WHO CAN I ASK?

- If you have general questions about COVID-19, testing, or other general questions, you can call 211 (or 1-833-DIAL211) to talk to a local call agent who can help.
- If you have specific questions related to your business and the state guidance, and how to re-open a particular kind of business safely, you can email your questions to [COVID19recovery@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:COVID19recovery@co.nevada.ca.us).
- If you need to lodge a complaint about a business that is not following the guidance or is open when it should not be, there is information [here](#) about how to submit a complaint.

## ANSWERS TO COMMUNITY QUESTIONS RELATED TO SPECIFIC SECTORS AND ACTIVITIES

### GENERAL RECREATION

#### WHAT AM I ALLOWED TO DO?

It's okay to go outside to go for a walk, to exercise, and participate in personal health and wellness activities as long as you maintain a safe physical distance of six feet, wear a face covering, and perform the activity only with members of your household. Visit the state's [About COVID-19 Restrictions](#) webpage to learn more.

Outdoor playgrounds are allowed following the [outdoor playground guidance](#).

Youth and adult recreational sports should follow the relevant [guidance](#).

### FITNESS/GYMS

#### CAN MY GYM BE OPEN?

Gyms can only open if allowed by [our current tier](#) and the percentage capacity allowed by our current tier, as well as if they are able to follow the [Gym/Fitness Center guidance](#).

## HOTELS, LODGING, AND OTHER SHORT-TERM RENTALS (STR'S)

ARE THERE ANY TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE?

Yes. The state is currently under a [travel advisory](#), which limits non-essential in-state travel to within 120 miles of one's place of residence.

## RESTURANTS, BARS AND WINERIES

WHAT TYPE OF SERVICE (INDOOR, OUTDOOR, TAKE OUT/DELIVER) CAN RESTAURANTS, BARS AND WINERIES PROVIDE?

The type of service restaurants, bars and wineries are able to provide is determined by [our county's current tier status](#).

## OTHER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN IN-PERSON CLASSES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING THE STATE'S LIMITED SERVICES GUIDANCE (ART CLASSES, DOG GROOMING, HOUSE CLEANING, ETC.) BE HELD?

[Limited Services](#) are allowed while Nevada County is in any of the tiers of reopening.

ARE WEDDINGS ALLOWED?

The only part of a wedding that is currently allowed is the wedding ceremony itself. No wedding receptions, wedding parties, or other wedding events are allowed at this time. Wedding ceremonies, whether in a church or non-religious venue, must follow the applicable guidance in the state's [Places of Worship guidance](#).

CAN I GET A FACIAL, MASSAGE OR TATTOO?

Yes, [Expanded Personal Services](#) like facials, tattoos or massages are allowed in all tiers of reopening.

CAN I GO TO A HAIR SALON?

Yes, hair salons and barbershops are allowed during all tiers of reopening.

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## CAN YOU GET THE FLU AND COVID-19 AT THE SAME TIME?

Yes, there have been reported cases of people infected by both the flu and COVID-19 at the same time. This is just another reason we recommend getting your annual [flu shot](#).