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COVID-19 Update: LA County Announces Faith-based Services, In-store Shopping Allowed to Reopen with Restrictions

Monterey Park, Calif. - May 27, 2020 - The [City of Monterey Park](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov) continues to follow the lead of the [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](https://www.lapublichealth.com) in implementing protocols to protect the health and safety of everyone.

On May 26, 2020, the LA County COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center [released an updated Health Officer order](#). In a major COVID-19 recovery milestone, Los Angeles County is moving toward new standards for a swift and safe reopening in alignment with the State of California guidelines. Among the activities now permitted under the change are faith-based services, in-store shopping at low-risk retail stores, drive-in movies and other recreational pursuits.

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All indoor and outdoor retail shopping centers may now open for business at 50% capacity. Flea Markets, swap meets and drive-in movie theaters may also reopen.

Faith-based organizations may resume services, with the number of congregants limited to less than 25% of the building's capacity, or a maximum of 100 people, whichever is lower.

Pools, hot tubs and saunas that are in a multi-unit residence or part of a homeowners association.

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The [updated Health Officer Order](#) was issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and is part of a phased progression guiding the safe resumption of public life in Los Angeles County.

Examples of activities now permitted under the changes enacted today:

- Faith-based organizations may resume services, with the number of congregants limited to less than 25% of the building's capacity, or a maximum of 100 people, whichever is lower.
- All retail, including those located in indoor and outdoor retail shopping centers may now open for business at 50% capacity.
- Flea markets, swap meets and drive-in movie theaters may resume operations.
- Pools, hot tubs and saunas that are in a multi-unit residence or part of a homeowners association may now open.

The updated order allows people to take part in all permitted activities while continuing to practice physical distancing and wearing a cloth face covering when in contact with others. Although these updates have been enacted, residents are still encouraged to remain in their residences as much as practical and limit close contact with others outside their household both indoor and outdoor. Gatherings of people not from the same household are still prohibited, except for faith-based services and in-person protests.

Additionally, people 65 years old or older and all people of any age with underlying health conditions should remain in their residences as much as possible. People in these categories should only leave their residences to seek medical care, exercise or obtain food or other necessities

The County Public Health Department will continue to monitor COVID-19 data indicators closely and may adjust orders to reflect specific County needs. The City of Monterey Park will continue to monitor the Health Officer Orders and provide accurate and timely updates to the community as information becomes available.

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