

# Essential News



Greetings!

The California Department of Public Health has approved and posted the Monterey County COVID-19 County Variance Attestation Form which will allow Monterey County to advance into expanded Stage 2.

Expanded Stage 2 allows the following to open in Monterey County:

- Dine-in Restaurants: other amenities, like bars or gaming areas, are **not permitted** in Stage 2
- Hair salons and barber shops
- Schools with modifications

Earlier this week, the Governor announced that places of worship and shopping malls would be allowed under early stage 2.

A new Shelter-in-Place Order was also issued yesterday to reflect the changes. Travel for non-essential activities is still not allowed. Apart from worship services, gatherings of people not from your household are not permitted.

Guidance for the newly allowed businesses is posted on the Monterey County Health Department's website.

For more information on the variance process visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/>

The Chamber will continue working with the County and others to help continue the process of re-opening our economy, always keeping safety in mind.

~CEO Paul and the Chamber team and Board of Directors

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