



**Summary of Changes: Stage 2.5 Health Officer Order Shelter-In-Place
Effective 11:59 p.m., May 22, 2020, Until June 12, 2020**

The Mendocino County Health Officer has released a Stage 2.5 Health Officer Order following the successful posting (as of May 20, 2020) on the California Department of Public Health website of Mendocino County's Verified Attestation for County Variance

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Mendocino%20County%20Attestation.pdf>.

Upon meeting Stage 2.5 County variance criteria, and in light of the collective efforts taken to date in Mendocino County to slow the virus' trajectory, the Health Officer's Stage 2.5 Order allows additional business activities to resume, namely limited in-store shopping, limited dine-in restaurants, and preventative dental care. The Order also allows very limited use of shared pools for childcare units, children's extracurricular units and work groups of lifeguard trainees (as further explained below).

The Stage 2.5 Order requires all businesses, as a condition of re-opening, to file the local self-certification form, developed by the County of Mendocino in collaboration with West Business Development Center, found at <https://www.mendocinocountybusiness.org>. Businesses that were authorized to re-open under Health Officer Orders, issued prior to May 21, will have seven days to complete the same self-certification.

Beginning May 23, 2020, Stage 2.5 now allows the re-opening of all destination retail (e.g., retail stores, strip malls, department stores, etc.) for limited in-person shopping and pursuant to the statewide industry guidance for "Retail", <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail.pdf>, or in the case of malls, for "Shopping Malls" <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-shopping-centers.pdf>. Retailers and malls must closely follow their industry statewide guidance for specifics in all areas and retailers should still continue to facilitate curb-side pickup and delivery.

In addition, beginning May 23, 2020, Stage 2.5 also allows dine-in restaurants provided there is strict compliance with the statewide industry guidance for "Dine-In Restaurants", <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-dine-in-restaurants.pdf>, which includes requirements for worksite specific COVID-19 prevention plan, comprehensive risk assessment of all work areas, employee training, individual control measures and screening, cleaning and disinfection protocols, and social distancing guidelines. This category does not include brewpubs, craft distilleries, breweries, bars, pubs, and wineries, unless they are offering sit-down dine-in meals and limiting alcohol (for on-site consumption) to be sold in the same transaction as a meal. However, sealed alcoholic beverages may continue to be sold as part of retail transactions. All dine-in restaurants should continue to encourage take-out and delivery service whenever possible. Dine-in establishments must also display clearly visible rules for customers and personnel at the entrance that are to be a condition of entry. Additionally, all guests and visitors must be screened for symptoms upon arrival, asked to use hand sanitizer, and should bring and wear a facial covering when not eating or drinking. As clarified by the State, the expansion of limited dine-in restaurants is not intended for concert or entertainment venues.

The Health Officer's Order has allowed very limited use of Shared Pools, i.e., any indoor or outdoor swimming pool that ordinarily involves access or use by more than one household or living unit. Shared Pools may only be opened for limited access if actively monitored to ensure each shared pool is only used by the same 12 members of a Childcare Unit or Children's Extracurricular Unit (including the provider, swim team coach and/or instructor) at any one time (with staggering of use by groups to allow for cleaning in between each use). [For definitions of "Childcare Unit" and "Children's Extracurricular Unit" and further discussion of Social Bubbles please see the Order]. Shared Pools must also close all shared locker rooms and dry rooms, limit restroom use to the group and staff, regularly clean and disinfect surfaces between each use by groups, increase water sanitation levels within safe limits, and post visible markers for social distancing. As with Childcare and Children's Extracurricular Units, such providers, swim coaches, and instructors are counted as part of the group, and must not change groups more than once every 4 weeks. A Work Group of up to 12 individuals may use a Shared Pool for lifeguard training.

Finally, the updated Stage 2.5 Order has also been clarified to explain that some essential businesses that have been able to operate with less restrictions as a "Lower Risk" or "Outdoor Business", may continue to do so unless the situation changes requiring the Health Officer to revert to more restrictive Stage 1 Orders. (By way of example, a landscaper in Stage 1, may have only been allowed to operate in Stage 1 with certain restrictions, and not for purely cosmetic purposes, but currently in Stage 2.5, may continue to operate with less restriction under "Limited Services").