



## Coronavirus Talking Points

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Resource Page:

<https://industry.visitcalifornia.com/coronavirus>

- State officials urge caution and proper planning when traveling in California, but there is no statewide ban on travel.
- Lodging for leisure travel is sanctioned in all counties, as hotels, campgrounds, home sharing and RV parks have adopted distancing, face covering and sanitizing protocols.
- California ranks in the middle of all states for coronavirus cases and deaths per 100,000 residents. For precise rankings, visit [The New York Times data analysis](#).
- Travel and hotel stays should occur with people from the same family/household. Travelers should practice proper physical distancing, follow face covering guidance, abide by California's [safe and responsible travel code](#), and follow all public health rules in the counties visited.
- Indoor and outdoor operations at bars that do not serve meals are banned except in a few rural counties. Indoor operations at restaurants, wineries, movie theaters, family entertainment centers, zoos, museums and cardrooms are banned in some counties. A county-by-county listing of open business is [here](#).
- Most state and national parks in California have opened, but some are offering only limited services. Most beaches are open, but a few have reduced hours and services.
- Outdoor exercise is allowed with proper physical distancing. If visitors cannot maintain safe distancing in any public outdoor space, they should leave.
- California's travel industry continues to cooperate fully with government and health officials to help mitigate the spread of coronavirus.

- Public health officials emphasize that social distancing is the most important strategy to lessen the spread. The governor and public health officials have directed everyone in California to wear face coverings when in common indoor spaces or anywhere where physical distancing cannot be accomplished.
- California theme parks remain closed and concerts and festivals have been postponed. Some sporting events can be held, but not with live audiences.
- Nearly all California Welcome Centers have reopened.

### **Precautions**

- Visit California urges travelers to follow public health authorities' recommendations.
- Visitors and residents should follow the same common-sense precautions – frequent hand washing, avoidance of sick people, etc. – that they would with the traditional flu. Older adults and people with chronic health conditions or compromised immune systems should follow detailed CDPH recommendations to protect themselves.
- Visit California encourages tourism businesses to follow recommendations from Cal/OSHA, the California Department of Public Health and the CDC about the workplace and employees, including guidance on maintaining flexible sick leave policies, encouraging sick workers to stay home and implementing specific health checks for work-related travel.

### **Resources**

- California State Government guidance for industry
  - <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>
- Visit California Coronavirus Resource Page:
  - <https://industry.visitcalifornia.com/coronavirus>
- Johns Hopkins University global map and dashboard
  - <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>
- California Coronavirus Resource Page
  - <https://covid19.ca.gov>

- California Department of Public Health:
  - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.asp>
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention:
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>
- U.S. Travel Association Resource Page:
  - <https://www.ustravel.org/coronavirus>