

LAKE FOREST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Business Updates & Resources

Dear Business Owners:

The County of Orange and the City are working to help businesses become eligible to reopen. The State of California will only allow more businesses to open if the individual counties are able to show they are meeting certain metrics which are found here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/>. This page also tracks the status of every County in California with respect to the number of active cases, hospitalization rates, testing, and other health-related data. The Governor's Office has been very clear that the future reopening of the economy will be driven by data and keeping the population safe. The City would like businesses to be aware of the recent guidelines issued by the State of California. These guidelines are intended to help businesses prepare for an eventual reopening.

Under the State's guidance, individual counties have the ability to attest to a variance that could help your business open up sooner. In order for the County Public Health Officer to attest to the variance, you need to be prepared to implement the industry-specific business guidance the State prepared which is available here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>.

Per the California Department of Public Health, all facilities must complete the following prior to reopening:

1. Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan
2. Train employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, including how to screen themselves for symptoms and stay home if they have them
3. Implement individual control measures and screenings
4. Implement disinfecting protocols
5. Implement physical distancing guidelines

This means that your business must be prepared to follow procedures related to cleaning, occupancy, and other best practices to keep staff and your customers safe. It is very important that you review and understand the industry guidelines as these will help the County make the case that our businesses will be ready to open. Again, while the State has not provided a specific date to reopen businesses the City and the County are eager to show the Governor that our businesses are ready to comply with the guidelines. As always, we will continue providing relevant updates. Feel free to contact my office with questions.

The County of Orange has requested approval from the Governor's Office to authorize additional businesses identified in Stage 2 to reopen with modifications. [Click here](#) to view a notification regarding expanded stage 2 openings.

Sincerely,

Carlo Tomaino
Economic Development Manager
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Great Plates Program South Orange County



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Age Well Senior Services was selected as the administrator for the Great Plates program for South Orange County. As you probably know, this is a State program that provides up to three meals per day for eligible seniors. Age Well is looking to partner with restaurants in South Orange County to provide these services. If you are a local restaurant looking to provide meals for seniors, please sign up here.

https://state-of-california-agency.forms.fm/great-plates-delivered-food-provider-interest-form/forms/7917?fbclid=IwAR2BhF7VV7rvUrpMGcbooa-hPrJOrf0kf9-rjn05lCl1Q5600cK4_D8Htrg

You can also contact Mr. Jeff Hamaker at Age Well with questions at 949.382.6078.

Online Open for Business Map is now LIVE

The City of Lake Forest has created an online map resource for Lake Forest residents and visitors to help support local business during the COVID-19 outbreak. The online tool serves as a user-friendly map interface with business information, including search capabilities of businesses, restaurant types, and the services available. If you are a business owner and are not yet featured on the map, please

contact the Economic Development Division at: economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov.

Please note: this map is for commercial businesses only.



View the map here:

<https://lakeforestca.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0f72f02c50e8482180bb8e6c00452d59>

LakeForestBusiness.com Resources

Lake Forest Economic Development continues to be a resource for all businesses within our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Economic Development will continue providing resources relevant to the businesses community such as loans



and grants from the Federal Government and the State of California, County resources, and updates regarding COVID-19 impacting our local economy.

Click on the image above to view resources on our website lakeforestbusiness.com.

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