

Good morning!

The County published a revised Shelter in Place order yesterday. The order goes into effect Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> early in the morning and remains in effect through the end of May.

Here are some highlights for our community: Del Rey Garden Center will be able to open starting Monday and construction will be able to happen in the City. City Hall will issue building permits and conduct plan checks by appointment, so please contact us by email or phone for more information. It is important to understand that the order continues to require us all to shelter in place, conduct only essential movement as described in the order to obtain food, medication, and other necessary activities. There are social distancing guidelines outlined in appendices of the County order, all available at the City and County websites.

The County also issued an order requiring face masks in public, including when using public transportation. There are exceptions for exercising and for children 12 and under.

In an effort to increase testing capacity Monterey County is opening two additional testing facilities in East Salinas and Greenfield.

The City is investigating a new State program called Great Plates to help fund restaurants to provide meals to seniors living alone and in need. Please let us know at City Hall if you know of a senior who might need this kind of help. Information about the program is available at [covid19.ca.gov](https://www.covid19.ca.gov). Many of you are already helping one another individually and through programs like Meals on Wheels.

Thank you!

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