

COVID-19 Restrictions: Comparison Chart (Updated December 9, 2020)

General COVID-19 safety requirements:

- All individuals must wear face coverings when outside their home.
- Individuals from different households must maintain at least six feet of distance between each other at all times.
- The State’s Limited Stay at Home Order requires non-essential businesses to close to the public between 10pm -5am through Dec. 21, 2020 (subject to possible extension.)

Key: Yellow highlighting below indicates significant changes from the State’s December 3 Regional Stay At Home Order and SF’s December 4 Stay-Safer-At-Home Order.

Business/Activity Category	Regional Plan Baseline/SF Limitations
Retail stores for goods: curbside	Allowed
Standalone grocery stores	Allowed: 35% cap (increased from 20%), with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems. [SF: Occupancy cap includes patrons only.]
Retail stores for goods: essential, indoors (e.g. pharmacies, hardware, etc.)	Allowed: 20% cap with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems. [SF: Occupancy cap includes patrons only.]
Retail stores for goods: non-essential, indoors (e.g. clothing stores, book shops, etc.)	Allowed: 20% cap with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems. [SF: Occupancy cap includes both personnel and patrons.]
Shopping centers	Allow indoor operations (center as a whole and individual stores) at 20% capacity, with entrance metering and no eating or drinking. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems. [SF: Occupancy cap includes both personnel and patrons.]
Outdoor retail for goods	Allowed
Dining: indoors	Prohibited except for take-out and delivery only
Dining: outdoors	Prohibited except for take-out and delivery only
Bars: indoors and outdoors	Prohibited
Bars serving meals	Prohibited except for take-out and delivery only
Manufacturing & warehousing: essential	Allowed

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Manufacturing & warehousing: non-essential	Allowed
Childcare and youth: Pre-K and childcare programs	Allowed (with capacity limits, stable group restrictions and other safety requirements)
Childcare and youth: out of school time (OST) programs	Allowed (with capacity limits, stable group restrictions and other safety requirements)
Low-contact indoor retail services (pet grooming, shoe repair, etc.)	Prohibited except for curbside drop-off and pick-up.
Indoor equipment rental business (bike rental, etc.)	Allowed: 20% cap. [SF: Occupancy cap includes both personnel and patrons.]
Professional sports (no spectators)	Allowed without live audiences. Additionally, testing protocol and “bubbles” are highly encouraged. [SF requires an approved health and safety plan, including testing and bubbles.]
Entertainment venues (no spectators)	Allowed without live audiences. Additionally, testing protocol and “bubbles” are highly encouraged. [SF requires an approved health and safety plan, including testing and bubbles.]
Film and media production – indoors and outdoors	SF: Allowed if (1) small production outdoors with face coverings and distancing, or (2) if large or indoors, with testing and other safety protocols or an approved health and safety plan.
Live streaming or broadcasting	SF: Allowed for personnel necessary to stream (no spectators) up to 12 people, with safety protocols.
Outdoor fitness classes	Allowed with conditions (inc. distancing and face-covering), but no running groups. [No State cap; SF cap = 12 people (inc. instructor(s) and participants).]
Gyms and fitness centers: indoors	Prohibited
Gyms and fitness centers: outdoors	Allowed with safety conditions (e.g. distancing and face-covering). [No State cap; SF cap = 12 people (personnel and patrons) at a time.]
Indoor household services	Allowed
Non-essential offices	Prohibited. Remote work and minimum operations only.
Essential offices	Allowed [SF limits to offices for Essential Businesses (as defined in its Stay-Safer-At-Home Order) and certain limited accessory offices, with required safety protocols]
Outdoor zoos, aquariums, museums	Prohibited
Indoor zoos, aquariums, museums	Prohibited
Open-air boat operators	Prohibited
Institutions of higher education & vocational programs	Remote only except classes (indoor and outdoor) for core-essential services
Collegiate athletics	Allowed with an approved health and safety plan
Personal services: indoors (including nail and hair salons, etc.)	Prohibited

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Personal services: outdoors (including nail and hair salons, etc.)	Prohibited
Laundromats and dry cleaners	Allowed with 20% cap
Banks and financial institutions	Allowed with 20% cap
Outdoor family entertainment centers (e.g. mini-golf, skate parks, etc.)	Prohibited
Standalone amusement rides (e.g. Ferris wheels, train rides, carousels)	Prohibited
Open-air tour bus operators	Prohibited
Hotels and other lodging facilities (inc. shared rentals)	Allowed only for (1) COVID-19 mitigation and containment measures, treatment measures, providing accommodation for essential workers, or providing housing solutions, including measures to protect homeless populations or (2) as to anyone travelling from out-of-state for non-essential travel, except as otherwise required by law, no hotel or lodging entity in California shall accept or honor out of state reservations for non-essential travel, unless the reservation is for at least the minimum time period required for quarantine and the persons identified in the reservation will quarantine in the hotel or lodging entity until after that time period has expired.” [SF: limits essential workers generally to those who work for Essential Businesses as defined in SF’s Stay-Safer-At-Home Order (not in the State order)]
Indoor movie theaters	Prohibited
Drive-in events (e.g., drive-in movies and drive-in performances)	Prohibited (except, per State informal guidance, for established drive-in movie facilities) [SF has no such established drive-in movie theaters]
Casinos and cardrooms	Prohibited indoors and outdoors
Real estate showings	Real estate viewings must only occur virtually or, if a virtual viewing is not feasible, by appointment with no more than two visitors at a time residing within the same household and one individual showing the unit (except that in person visits are not allowed when the occupant is present in the residence)
Commercial parking garages	Allowed
Campgrounds	Overnight stays not permitted
Parks and beaches	Allowed to be open
Outdoor botanical gardens and historical sites	Allowed to be open
One-on-one personal training for gyms and fitness centers	Prohibited indoors but allowed outdoors
Golf	Allowed for no more than twosomes, with staggered tee times, and one household only per cart (no sharing of a cart by members of different households and they must

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	maintain at least six feet of distance at all times. No spectators.
Tennis and pickleball	Allowed outdoors (not indoors), singles only, and if the players are members of different households they cannot share equipment and must maintain at least six feet of distance at all times. No spectators.
Dog parks	Allowed outdoors
Outdoor gatherings (inc. social gatherings)	Prohibited except for (1) gatherings of single households only [State: no cap; SF cap = 12 people, face coverings required (no food or beverage); up to six people if eating food or consuming beverages] ; (2) gatherings of up to two individuals from different households, with face coverings (except when eating or drinking) and at least six-foot distancing required at all times; and (3) gatherings otherwise allowed for particular sectors with conditions (e.g. outdoor religious gatherings, outdoor fitness classes)
Libraries: curbside	Allowed
Outdoor recreation	Allowed only with (1) members of your household [SF: up to 12 people with no eating or drinking, six with], (2) up to two individuals from different households with no shared equipment and at least six-feet of distance (e.g. bocce ball) or (3) with members from other households as otherwise expressly provided for specific facilities, inc. outdoor pools).
Outdoor swimming pools	Allowed (except for water slides, rides and other attractions) [SF specific rules: one person per lane, etc.]
Indoor swimming pools	Prohibited
Recreation facilities (e.g. sports fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, etc.)	Allowed to be open – no mixing of households (except for up to two individuals and specific facilities as provided above for outdoor recreation.) No spectators and no food or beverage sales.
Youth sports	Allowed only if part of a childcare or OST program or part of an organized/supervised youth sports program with distancing and face coverings at all times and no competitions or spectators.
Outdoor Playgrounds	Allowed only for public children’s playgrounds operated by government entities; public school playgrounds are subject to schools guidance [SF has safety protocols] [Note: outdoor playgrounds were previously required to be closed under the State Stay At Home Order, but the State changed its order on 12/9 to allow them to open.]
Indoor Playgrounds	Prohibited
Religious activities: indoor individual prayer/counseling	Allowed
Religious activities: indoor services	Prohibited
Religious activities: outdoor services	Allowed [State: no cap; SF: 200; SC: 100]

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Political demonstrations - outdoors	Allowed [State: no cap; SF: 200; SC: 100]
Schools (TK-12) for in-person learning	Schools with waivers or approved health and safety plans remain open, but no new indoor instruction can open except elementary schools with advance waivers from the Health Officer)
Construction – private construction projects (large and small) and public works	Allowed (indoors and outdoors)
Home and business building maintenance related services (e.g. plumbers, electricians, HVAC repair, handypersons, appliance repair, landscapers, etc.)	Allowed
Auto repair shops, gas stations and car washes	Allowed with 20% limit for indoor spaces open to the public. [SF: Occupancy cap includes both personnel and patrons.]
Taxis and ride share	Allowed (with safety protocols)
Non-urgent ambulatory/medical and dental care	Allowed
Elective surgery	Allowed