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MANDATORY DIRECTIVE FOR ZOOS AND MUSEUMS

Please confirm that your facility may open under the State Order. Where there is a difference between the local County Order and the State Order, the more restrictive order must be followed. The State also has specific guidance for certain facilities that must be followed in addition to this mandatory directive.

Information on the State's Order and State guidance is available at covid19.ca.gov.

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On August 28, 2020, the State released its Blueprint for a Safer Economy ("Blueprint"), a statewide system of COVID-19 restrictions. Santa Clara County is currently in Tier One of the Blueprint.

Under the Blueprint, the State Health Officer has ordered the closure of all indoor operations at zoos and museums in all Tier One counties, including Santa Clara County. See the Statewide Public Health Officer Order [here](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/SHO%20Order%20Dimming%20Entire%20State%207-13-2020.pdf) (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/SHO%20Order%20Dimming%20Entire%20State%207-13-2020.pdf>) and the State's Blueprint [here](https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/) (<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>). Accordingly, these businesses may not operate indoors.

All outdoor operations of these businesses are subject to the Santa Clara County Health Officer Order issued July 2, 2020 and any applicable State guidance.

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For answers to frequently asked questions about this industry and other topics, please see the [FAQ page](#). For up-to-date information on the Health Officer Order, please visit the County Public Health Department's website at www.sccgov.org/coronavirus.