



COVID-19 Community Update

A Summary of City News for the week of May 10 - May 16, 2020

We are committed to keeping you informed. The following is an update on the City's response to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and reduce the impact on our community. We are all in this together and all must do our part!

No-Cost Testing Now Available for All

No-cost COVID-19 testing is now available to everyone, even those without symptoms. The confidential test only takes five minutes and appointments can be made in just a few clicks. Testing locations are in Paso Robles and Grover Beach. Please note that the Grover Beach locations is booked out further than the Paso Robles location. To learn more and schedule your appointment, visit emergencyslo.org/statetesting. Please take advantage of this opportunity and get tested!

A Switch to the State

San Luis Obispo County has pivoted to use the State's [Resilience Roadmap](#) to ensure that we can adapt and reopen together, as quickly and as safely as possible, under the State's Shelter at Home order. Please continue to do your part to honor the order by maintaining 6 feet of distance between yourself and others and consider using a face mask when physical distance can't be maintained. Remember to visit the [Parks and Recreation Virtual Recreation webpage](#) for great activities for the whole family that can be done at home!

Business Reopening Stages & Guidelines



Under the State's Resilience Roadmap, stages have been defined for workplace re-opening and State directed guidelines for business have been updated. We are now in early Stage 2 and it is unknown when SLO County will receive approval from the State to progress further. Business owners in San Luis Obispo should begin to plan and prepare for reopening. Please use the [guidelines](#) provided by the State and County in your preparation.

Business Support Resources

To support businesses operating in San Luis Obispo and to answer questions regarding reopening operations, the City has implemented an online [Business Reopening Inquiry form](#). The online form provides business owners the option to request clarification on what operations can be performed at this time and even have a City staff person visit your business! In addition, there is enhanced business support assistance accessible through the Business & Community Hotline. The phone number is **805-783-7835** and is staffed during regular business hours. After hours calls will be returned the next business day.

Physical Distancing Saves Lives

City [Open Spaces](#) and [Parks](#) are currently **open**. Staff are preparing for increased use with warmer weather, but we need everyone to keep up the great work by staying at least 6 feet apart from people not in your household. Whether you're picking up take-out food, grocery shopping, hiking or visiting a park, physical distancing is critical and will help our community continue to stay healthy.

Beaches in the County are currently open as well, but the County and local cities would like to remind residents to practice physical distancing at beaches too and ask out-of-town visitors to delay their travel to SLO County at this time. For more information regarding State Beaches and Parks [click here](#) and remember we're all in this together!

Archway to Happiness

The City is excited to unveil the newest Public Art project, *Archway to Happiness*. Located at the entrance to the Marsh Street Parking Structure (871 Marsh Street), this project was a joint effort of the City's Promotional Coordinating Committee, Parking Division and the Public Art Program. The project was designed and painted by local muralists Canned Pineapple and intended to help welcome people back to downtown when the time is right. Go check it out!



Additional Resources

- Please visit www.ReadySLO.org for the latest public health updates and recommendations or call the Public Health information Line at (805) 788-2903 (recorded message) or the County's Phone Assistance Center at (805) 543-2444.
- City Business and Community Shelter at Home Hotline – (805) 783-7835 to report concerns or inquire on essential business status.
- **Sign Up for E-Notifications:** The City is committed to keeping you informed. Please register here to receive periodic email updates and follow the City of San Luis Obispo on social media for the latest information.
- [City of San Luis Obispo COVID-19 Information](#)
- [San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department](#)
- [California Department of Public Health](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [Mental Health & Emotional Support Services](#)

Have comments, suggestions or need help? We are here to support you! Please email help@slocity.org or call (805) 781-7100.