



COVID-19 Community Update

A Summary of City News for the week of May 24 - May 30, 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 we all must do our part!

NEW! Outdoor Dining and Community Spaces Coming to SLO

In order to support the economic recovery of local businesses and slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community, the City Council approved the new "Open SLO" program. The program temporarily uses the City's public right-of-way, including sidewalks, parking spaces, and streets for dining and community spaces to promote physical distancing while supporting local businesses and economic recovery efforts in the City. Complete the survey at <https://bit.ly/2AR8vtj> to let us know what you'd like to see!

Hair Salons/Barbershops and Places of Worship Allowed to Reopen

This week the County of San Luis Obispo has announced the reopening of hair salons, barbershops, and places of worship with modifications. Before reopening, all facilities must:

- Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan
- Train employees to limit the spread of COVID-19
- Implement individual control measures and screenings, disinfecting protocols and physical distancing guidelines

Local businesses should use the County's ["Ready to Reopen" toolkit](#) to acknowledge compliance with the State's Resilience Roadmap. Prior to reopening, SLO County businesses **must** complete the Self Certification Form to indicate that the business is implementing State guidance to reopen and operate safely.

Not sure you if you can reopen or not? Fill out the [Business Reopening Inquiry form](#), or call the Business & Community Hotline for support at 805-783-7835. This line is staffed during regular business hours. After hours calls will be returned the next business day.

Do Your Part to Slow the Spread

Community members still play an important role in continuing to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Please remember to wash your hands frequently, stay home if you are sick, maintain 6 feet of distance from those outside of your household, wear a mask when you can't physically distance and look for businesses with the County Self-Evaluation & Certification signs. Remember, we are in this together and we all must do our part!

Private Parking & Business Sign Temporary Changes

Earlier this month, the City Council suspended enforcement of private parking and temporary sign regulations to provide flexibility for local businesses to serve customers while adhering to physical distancing requirements. This means that businesses may use sandwich board signs (A-frame signs), window signs and banner signs to communicate opening status, services offered, and any other instructions. The suspension of onsite private parking requirements allows businesses to expand operations (such as table service) into private parking lots without violating City parking requirements. While the City will not be enforcing violations of parking requirements during this time, coordination with property owners and neighboring businesses – particularly in shopping centers – is strongly encouraged. Businesses should follow this [link](#) for more information on this topic.

City Building Division Now Offers Virtual Inspections

The City Building Division is excited to announce the availability of new virtual inspections. The goal of this program is to allow construction to progress while maintaining a safe environment for the community and City through physical distancing, with a specific focus on occupied structures. If you have questions or are ready to schedule a virtual inspection, please call our inspection line at (805)781-7180 or [click here](#) for more information.

Trailhead Crime Prevention

Just a reminder that theft does happen in SLO even when you are enjoying our open spaces, so remember to lock your cars before heading out on your hike. Please remember to leave cash and valuables at home. Take wallets and phones in a backpack with you on the trail and if your car has a trunk, use it to store anything you could not leave at home.

Limited Parks & Recreation Reopening

Please remember that physical distancing is still required while enjoying open City facilities. You may also see City staff at parks to educate and remind the public how to recreate safely.

- French Park Tennis Court: Now open for tennis use only. No pickleball on the court is permitted at this time.
- French Park Pickleball Court: The middle net at the French Park pickleball court has been reinstalled.
- Stoneridge Basketball Court: The basketball hoops and backboard have been reinstalled.

Youth Services will be reopening childcare in a limited capacity in June and July in accordance with State guidelines for safety. Registration for the Summer Fun Day Camp opens online on June 1st at 9:00 am at www.sloyouthservices.org.

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.