

Stay home except for essential needs

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The California State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health is **ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence**, except as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the [federal critical infrastructure sectors](#), critical government services, schools, **childcare**, and construction, including housing construction.

Read the full [Executive Order here \(pdf\)](#).

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Most California K-12 schools, colleges, and universities are closing or moving online during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The [governor's executive order](#) ensures that K-12 public schools will retain full funding, even if they close campuses. For current information about closures and their impact on the school year, [check your local school district](#).

California released [guidance to help K-12](#) education leaders meet the needs of all students affected by school closures, with an emphasis on assisting low-income children and those with disabilities. The guidance covers:

- Distance learning and independent study
- School meal delivery
- Accommodations for students with disabilities
- Child care and supervision

Guidance for higher education

The California Department of Public Health released [Guidance for Colleges and Universities](#).

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