Shelter in Place: What Does This Mean for K-12 Schools and Universities in the Bay Area?

Schools and universities are essential sectors of our community and maintaining key services provided by these institutions, to the extent possible, is a priority. These guidelines may be adjusted as necessary as the COVID-19 epidemic continues to evolve.

K-12 Schools

- Schools must stop holding classes at physical locations. However, schools may continue providing distance learning to their students.
- Employees of schools may go to work for the purpose of providing distance learning to their students. Social distancing measures should be maintained at work (keeping > 6 ft distance, virtual meetings, encouraging telework, etc).
- Schools can also continue to offer students free and reduced price lunches for pick-up and take-away only. Meals cannot be eaten at the site provided or at any other gathering site.

University

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- Students who live on campus should shelter in place in their own living quarters.

Examples of Essential Businesses:

- Healthcare organizations, such as hospitals, medical and mental health clinics, doctor offices, pharmacies, health care supply stores, and other health care facilities.
- Grocery stores, certified farmers’ markets, farm & produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, & other store groceries.
- Food cultivation
- Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities.
- Banks and related financial institutions.
- Garbage and sanitation services and collection.
- Hardware stores, and plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety and sanitation.
- Schools, for distance learning and providing meals.
- Laundromats and laundry service providers.
- Restaurants/other prepared food facilities, but only for delivery or carry out.
- Businesses that supply products needed for telework
- Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
- Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences;
- Airlines, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities
- Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;
- Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;
- Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities;
- Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted,