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**Updated Alameda County Health Orders Take Effect
September 4**

***Hair Salons, Barbershops May Open Indoors; Operations of
Other Lower-Risk Personal Services Remains Only Outdoors***

Oakland, CA – On Wednesday, September 2, the Alameda County Public Health Official issued [updated Health Orders](#). Effective Friday, September 4, the Orders allow:

- [Hair salons and barbershops](#) to operate indoors
- Outdoor dance classes as part of outdoor non-contact fitness classes
- Mini-golf, batting cages, driving ranges, and kart racing, as allowed by the [State’s Family Entertainment Center Guidance](#)
- Retail stores may operate indoors at a 25% capacity limit
- Grocery stores may operate indoors with a 50% capacity limit

Nail, Non-Medical Massages, Skin Care and Waxing Services may only operate outdoors. Shared play structures continue to be closed, including bounce houses, ball pits and playgrounds.

Other activities that may be allowed in the Purple Tier by the State are still not permitted in Alameda County at this time. For a roster of allowed business activities, please view [Alameda County Openings at a Glance](#)

To help Alameda County move to a less restrictive tier, please wear a mask in public, wash your hands regularly, keep at least six feet of physical distance when in public, and limit mixing with people outside your household.

The Alameda County Public Health Department encourages residents and businesses to adjust activities and plans as needed in response to changes in air quality during wildfire season. When air quality is poor, residents should stay inside when possible with doors and windows shut. For air quality updates and forecasts, visit the [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) or [AirNow.gov](#).

To assist businesses allowed to only reopen with outdoor services – such as nail, non-medical massage, skin care and waxing services – under the County Health Orders, the City of Oakland has waived all fees and streamlined permitting for business’ use of public rights-of-way under the [Flex Streets](#) program.

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Flex Streets allows businesses to expand allowed business activities outdoors in five ways:

- Use the Sidewalks or Parking Lanes
- Use Traffic Lanes
- Use Private Parking Lots or Other Private Outdoor Areas

- Vend from Food Trucks, Trailers or Pushcarts
- Use City-owned Outdoor Property

See step-by-step instructions for each of these five uses at:
www.oaklandca.gov/FlexStreets

The important step is to **apply for the permit before you start using the outdoor space**, even for privately owned or leased outdoor spaces – including parking lots. Businesses are reminded to review [the ADA Accessibility Guidelines for the Flex Streets Program](#) for important details on sidewalk clearances and accessible table requirements.

Businesses seeking guidance on Alameda County guidelines for re-opening should email covidrecovery@acgov.org.

Businesses and activities authorized under previous orders may continue to operate.

The Alameda County Health Officer continuously monitors the [COVID-19 indicators](#) to determine when it's safe to lift more restrictions.

Other Re-opening Resources

Visit the City's [Planning Resources for Business Re-Opening](#) website for the latest information on resources to support re-opening, including:

- Alameda County Public Health Department's [Guidance on Not Requiring Negative COVID-19 Test Results for Return to Work](#)
- [County screening guidance for employers](#) in multiple languages
- [Self-assessment guidance for workers](#) in multiple languages
- Information on [cleaning/disinfecting businesses](#)
- [Workplace Safety](#)
- A [printable face covering sign](#) for businesses in eight languages
- [ReOpening Guide signs](#) by the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Oaklandish and the Economic Recovery Advisory Council, in four languages.

Business Re-opening & Recovery Survey

To help gauge COVID-19 impacts to Oakland business and what resources would help business owners as they plan for re-opening and recovery, the City has launched a brief [Business Re-opening and Recovery Survey](#). The survey launched in English and additional languages will be added by Wednesday.

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