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San Bernardino County Chairman Provides Update for Businesses and Employers

Yesterday, the County provided an update with respect to meetings being held in the community ([read here](#)). Businesses reached out to my office with questions about the impact of the order on their operations. In light of these questions, I'd like to further clarify the order in order to provide reassurance to the business community and their employees.

The order issued by the San Bernardino County Acting Health Officer on March 17, 2020 provides exemptions for the vast majority of businesses. The order specifically exempts "work" in general along with "grocery stores or charitable food distribution, certified farmers' markets, and shopping at a store or mall." The only businesses that are prohibited from operating are "business establishments that serve alcohol and do not serve food ... movie theatres, gyms, and health clubs." Restaurants are required to follow state guidelines ([read here](#)). However, all businesses and individuals are strongly urged to follow prudent hygiene and social-distancing practices.

If you or your business is being affected by COVID-19, please let see the resources that the State of California has made available. We are working on providing additional information about help available to businesses in this time. If you would like to receive email updates with this information, please send your email to Supervisor.Hagman@bos.sbcounty.gov. We will not share your email, but you will receive updates as they become available. (Please be sure to include your name, business name, email and phone number.)

Sincerely,

Chairman and County Supervisor Curt Hagman