

RECAP: County of San Diego Update for the Business Community December 16, 2020

Funding Source Update:

- The [Small Business Stimulus Grant](#) is open for applications.
 - For profit or nonprofit organizations headquartered in San Diego County with 100 or fewer employees. Must have a minimum of 1 year operating history, have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and been impacted by the Regional Stay Home Order.
 - If you have already applied, you do not need to reapply. You can email your district contact to let them know you have previously applied and still have funding needs.
 - FAQs [here](#).

General Announcements:

- The County has released updated [holiday guidance](#).
- [Download CA Notify](#) to add your phone to California's notification exposure system.
- What communication resources for the COVID-19 vaccine would be helpful for your business? Share your idea to COVID-Business@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Highlights

- Guidance on reporting employees that tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Employers must notify the County of San Diego Public Health Services about an employee who tests positive with COVID-19, even in a remote workplace, by completing the online [COVID-19 Notification Form](#).
- Retail operations under the [Regional Stay Home Order](#).
 - Retail can stay open but is limited to 20% capacity, based on the fire department occupancy limit.
- Cal/OSHA, CDC, and State regulations.

- Governor Newsom signed an [executive order](#) on December 14, updating Cal/OSHA and CDC guidance on when an employee can return to work: after the end of an isolation or quarantine period recommended by CDPH, or a local health officer.
- [CDPH released updated guidelines](#) on December 14 outlining options to reduce quarantine periods during critical staffing shortages.
- Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards went into effect November 30. FAQs are available [here](#).
- CDC guidance is available [here](#), and when to quarantine or isolate [here](#).
- Vaccination distribution information.
 - [Vaccination distribution plans](#) are determined at the federal, state and local level. The CDC has only decided on Phase 1a, with a draft guidelines working group to further prioritize groups within categories (ex. Health care workers).
 - County advice: Be ready that employees and essential workers are informed and ready to go. The plan is being refined as we go.

Business Community Resources Quick Links:

- [Business Referral Guidelines](#)
- [Contact Tracing Fact Sheet](#)
- [Positive Employee Flowchart](#)
- [State Employer Playbook](#)
- [Business and Employer FAQs](#)
- [How to Stay Connected](#)
- [Return to Work Following COVID-19 Diagnosis](#)
- [Public Health Order \[Updated 12/09\]](#)
- [Employer COVID-19 Notification Form](#).

If you would like to participate in the next Business Sector Telebriefing, join the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month from 9:30 to 10:30 [here](#). Can't make the meeting? Send any questions to sbales@sdchamber.org to ask during the briefing.