

## What do the Shelter in Place (“SIP”) orders mean for businesses in the Bay Area?

*Updated as of March 16, 2020:*

The SIP Orders apply to all for profit and non-profit business entities of any kind, however organized. They permit only certain essential operations of various kinds to be carried out, under penalty of a misdemeanor which can carry imprisonment up to 90 days and fines up to \$1,000, both per each day that the unlawful activity continues (each day is a separate offense). The seven orders are identical in material respects; the links can be found below.

Permitted business operations must be carried out subject to Social Distancing requirements. Those requirements include 6 feet of distance (including standing in lines) and frequent hand washing.

A flow chart summarizing what business activities are permitted can be viewed [here](#). In general, the business activities that are permitted include groceries and other food supply, cultivation, and preparation for delivery or takeout only; social services for the poor; media, gasoline and auto repair, banks, hardware, plumbers and sanitation, shipping and mailing, education only to support distance learning or food takeout, laundry, legal and accounting to comply with legal obligations, transport for essential activities, supply of products to work from home, supply of services and products to other essential operations. Also permitted are as follows: Essential Government Functions as defined by specific government agencies, Essential Infrastructure (public works construction, housing construction, utilities and telecom), Healthcare Operations including medical facilities, medical suppliers, home healthcare, pharma, biotech and veterinary, and Childcare subject to specific restrictions.

Other permitted essential activities include Minimum Basic Operations necessary to (1) maintain security, inventory and payroll, or (2) to support work from home.

- [Shelter in Place Flowchart](#) (updated March 16, 2020)
- [Alameda Shelter in Place](#)
- [Berkeley Shelter in Place](#)
- [Contra Costa Shelter in Place](#)
- [Marin Shelter in Place](#)
- [San Francisco Shelter in Place](#)
- [San Mateo Shelter in Place](#)
- [Santa Clara Shelter in Place](#)