Office Operations During Shelter-in-Place Order

Following the most recent guidance from the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors for the COVID-19 “Shelter-in-Place” Emergency Order issued by our Health Officer on March 17, 2020, the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office is following protocols for the health and safety of our employees and community.

As part of the essential infrastructure to the food system, the Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office’s will remain open to provide critical services to facilitate agricultural production, processing and distribution. However, as a preventative measure and to follow protocols as established by the Monterey County Public Health Officer, we are asking that you contact/connect with our staff via email, phone, fax and/or make an appointment.

You can also visit our website at https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/agricultural-commissioner#ag for the latest news information, documents and/or forms. We strive to have forms/documents accessible to you 24/7. You can follow us on Facebook too.

To view this information in full memo form and for a comprehensive list of phone numbers and emails should you need our services, please click here.
Horario de Operaciones de la Oficina durante la Orden de Refugio-en-el-Hogar

Siguiendo las guías más recientes de la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Monterey para la Orden de Emergencia "Refugio-en-el-Hogar" COVID-19 emitida por nuestro Funcionario de Salud del Condado el 17 de marzo del 2020, la Oficina del Comisionado Agrícola está siguiendo protocolos para la salud y la seguridad de nuestros empleados y la comunidad.

Como parte de la infraestructura esencial para el sistema alimentario, la Oficina del Comisionado Agrícola del Condado de Monterey permanecerá abierta para proporcionar servicios críticos para facilitar la producción, procesamiento y distribución de los productos agrícolas. Sin embargo, como medida preventiva y para seguir los protocolos establecidos por el Funcionario de Salud Pública del Condado de Monterey, le pedimos que se contacte / conecte con nuestro personal por correo electrónico, teléfono, fax y / o haga una cita con nuestra oficina.

Usted también puede visitar nuestro sitio web: [https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/agricultural-commissioner#ag](https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/agricultural-commissioner#ag) para obtener las últimas noticias e información, documentos y/o formas. Nos esforzamos por tener formularios / documentos accesibles para usted 24/7. También puede seguirnos en Facebook.

Para ver esta información en forma de memorando completo y para obtener una lista de nuestros números telefónicos y correos electrónicos en caso de que Usted necesite nuestros servicios, haga clic [aquí](https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/agricultural-commissioner#ag).

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The Healthy Schools Act
Every child deserves a healthy schoolsite

WHAT IS THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT? When pesticides are used at schools and child care centers in California, the Healthy Schools Act defines requirements for school and child care center staff, pest management professionals, and the Department of Pesticide Regulation. The California Legislature originally passed the law in 2000. The Healthy Schools Act also encourages schools and child care centers—collectively referred to as schoolsites—to adopt effective, low-risk pest management practices, also
known as integrated pest management or IPM. Find out more by checking out the fact sheet available in English and Spanish.

**Never mix bleach with other cleaners**

Avoid toxic gases and be informed: English ~ Spanish

Under the Healthy Schools Act, DPR provides online training on how to use disinfectants. [https://online2.cce.csus.edu/dpr/login/index.php?](https://online2.cce.csus.edu/dpr/login/index.php?)

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**Advisory for Agricultural Worker Protection During COVID-19 Crisis on the Central Coast of California**

English ~ Spanish

Read this informative advisory created through a joint effort of Monterey County and the Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, Monterey County Farm Bureau, Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association, Coastal Growers Association, and the California Strawberry Commission.

**USDA and the DOL Announce Information Sharing to help H-2A Employers**

The USDA and the DOL are working together to identify foreign and domestic workers who may be able to transfer to other U.S. ag sector employers to help fulfill critical workforce needs in the U.S. under the existing regulatory authority during the COVID-19 pandemic [more information](https://url)

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**California Ag Commissioners Maintain Services during Pandemic - From Ag Alert**
Agriculture is considered a “critical infrastructure industry” by government agencies, county agricultural commissioners say they are maintaining essential services to facilitate agricultural production, processing and distribution (more information).

Farmers’ Markets are an "essential business' providing nutritional heath to our community during this challenging time, according to Monterey County Department of Health. The Marina and Pacific Grove Markets will be open this week as we work with our community partners, and closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation to continue providing a critical resource for local, healthy produce. Check out Everyone’s Harvest for additional information.

Wineries and Vineyards May Operate Under the Governor's New "Stay at Home" Order

Wine Institute has confirmed with the Governor’s administration our interpretation that the new order allows winery and vineyard operations to
continue under the Food and Agriculture Sector critical infrastructure plan (more information).

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