



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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**News Conference: SLO County Issues Executive Order to Limit Spread of COVID-19
Order follows confirmation of third local case and Governor's direction on social distancing**

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department reports today that a third individual in San Luis Obispo County has tested positive for novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). This individual is a household member of the [second SLO County resident confirmed to have the illness](#). The individual is recovering in isolation at home and is fully cooperating with the Public Health Department's investigation.

Following this confirmation and Gov. Newsom's direction on March 15 regarding protective actions for bars and restaurants, County Administrative Officer and Emergency Services Director Wade Horton has issued an executive order to protect the public's health by temporarily **limiting alcohol sales at onsite alcohol-serving establishments from Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5 p.m. to Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 12:01 p.m.**

"We need to take immediate action to slow the spread of the virus over the St. Patrick's Day Holiday and to limit large gatherings in public serving spaces," said Horton.

The Public Health Department will provide additional direction to inform local businesses in implementing the Governor's guidance upon receipt of the guidance document from the Governor's office.

County leaders will share updated information at a press conference today:

What: Announcement of executive order and public health updates regarding COVID-19.

Who: Speakers include:

- Wade Horton, County Administrative Officer
- Dr. Penny Borenstein, County Health Officer

When: Monday, March 16, 2:00 p.m.

Where: County of San Luis Obispo Joint Information Center, 1133 Kansas Ave. in San Luis Obispo News conference will also be streamed live at [facebook.com/SLOPublicHealth.org](https://www.facebook.com/SLOPublicHealth.org). Due to limited space at the JIC, typical news conferences do not meet social distancing requirements.

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We will try to adhere as closely as possible to social distancing requirements. Members of the media are invited to view the announcement via the Facebook live stream.

Why: With three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in SLO County and updated direction from the state, the County is taking action to protect the health of the community. Individuals, businesses and community leaders all have a role to play in keeping San Luis Obispo County safe.

Please visit [ReadySLO.org](https://www.ready slo.org) for the latest public health updates and recommendations or call the Public Health information line at (805) 788-2903.

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