

Gatherings canceled in San Bernardino County as 3rd coronavirus case reported

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All 24 Hour Fitness locations are closed according to the sign posted Tuesday, March 17, in the window of the Rialto location, south of the 210 Freeway. San Bernardino County is calling for the closure of all movie theaters, gyms, health clubs, bars, and other businesses that serve alcohol but not food. (Photo by Terry Pierson, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

San Bernardino County is calling for further cancellations and closures after reporting its [third case of the novel coronavirus](#), Tuesday, March 17.

A woman in her 50s is the third person in the county to [test positive for COVID-19](#), officials said.

Acting County Health Officer Dr. Erin Gustafson is asking for gatherings with any number of people be canceled through at least April 6 to prevent the spread of the [novel coronavirus](#). Starting Wednesday, all movie theaters, gyms, health clubs, bars, adult entertainment establishments and other businesses that serve alcohol but not food should close, according to Gustafson's order. Food and beverage establishments must follow [guidelines issued Monday, March 16 by the state's public health department](#).

"The health risk from COVID-19 to the general public in San Bernardino County remains low at this time, but everyone is strongly urged to engage in practices that reduce the risk of spread," Gustafson said in a news release.

The order doesn't apply to activities essential to the functioning of the state, including work, public transportation, airport travel, grocery stores, charitable food distribution, certified farmers' markets and shopping at stores and malls.

It also doesn't apply to congregate living situations, including dormitories and homeless encampments.

All [San Bernardino County public schools have voluntarily closed](#) as part of the effort to stop the spread of the virus, according to the County Superintendent of Schools office.

"I understand this creates hardships for many families and businesses. But at the end of the day, I believe we all understand that we are in this together, and that together, we will get through this," Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman said in a video. "The county is taking every step we can to stay in front of this threat."

Residents over 65 years old and anyone with certain underlying health conditions are strongly encouraged to self-quarantine because they are at increased risk should they contract COVID-19.

No one has died from the virus in San Bernardino County.