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CALIFORNIA'S ACTIONS TO COMBAT COVID-19

MENIFEE, CA- The below synopsis are a list of actions taken by the State of California to combat COVID-19. With nearly 80 actions taken over a 3 week period, we wanted to provide you with a breakdown of these actions and the hyperlinks to get more information.

- Governor Newsom signed an executive order that will restrict [water shutoffs](#) to homes and small businesses while the state responds to the COVID-19 pandemic. (4/2/2020)
- The state is providing \$50 million in loan guarantees for [small businesses](#) that may not be eligible for federal relief (4/2/2020)
- California is also allowing small businesses to [defer payment](#) of sales and use taxes of up to \$50,000, for up to 12 months. (4/2/2020)
- Governor Newsom announced [\\$17.8 million](#) in new state initiatives to support California workers impacted by COVID-19. The allocation will come from Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds with \$7.8 million going to the Los Angeles region and \$10 million made available statewide. (4/2/2020)
- California is partnering with [Google](#), which will be donating Chromebooks and will fund the use of 100,000 donated mobile hotspots to provide free and unlimited high-speed Internet connectivity for the remainder of the school year. (4/1/2020)
- The state developed an [agreement](#) between teachers, classified employees, school boards, superintendents, and principals to work together to provide distance learning to California's students as a result of physical school closures due to mitigation efforts against the COVID-19 outbreak. (4/1/2020)
- California launched a [statewide hotline](#)(833-544-2374) and call center in partnership with 2-1-1 to connect older Californians with essential services like food and medication. (3/31/2020)
- Governor Newsom called for community members to check in on senior neighbors, friends, and family as part of the ['Stay Home. Save Lives. Check In.'](#) (3/31/2020)
- The state is urging local non-profits and faith-based organizations to call to [check in](#) on all of the older Californians in their networks.(3/31/2020)
- In partnership with AARP, the state is sending a [mailer](#) to every older Californian with information and resources to adapt to the stay at home order. (3/31/2020)

- Governor Newsom issued an executive order to expand the health care [workforce](#) and staff at least an additional 50,000 hospital beds needed for the COVID-19 surge. (3/30/2020)
- The state launched the [California Health Corps](#)— health care professionals with an active license, public health professionals, medical retirees, medical and nursing students, or members of medical disaster response teams in California are all encouraged to join and staff the surge in COVID-19 patients. (3/30/2020)
- Governor Newsom signed an executive order providing relief to [small businesses](#)— it includes a 90-day extension in state and local taxes and extends licensing deadlines and requirements for a number of industries. (3/30/2020)
- The state secured partnerships with leading digital and media platforms, businesses and celebrities from across the state on the COVID-19 [public awareness campaign](#). (3/29/2020)
- The Governor issued an [executive order](#) banning the enforcement of eviction orders for renters affected by COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. (3/27/2020)
- The Governor issued an [executive order](#) enabling the Chief Justice to take emergency actions for the state’s courts to be able to conduct business during the COVID-19 pandemic. (3/27/2020)
- Governor Newsom secured a major [financial relief](#) package – financial institutions will provide a 90-day grace period for mortgage payments and will not negatively impact credit reports for Californians accessing payment relief. (3/25/2020)
- The Governor issued an executive order directing the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to temporarily halt intake of [inmates](#) and youth into the state’s 35 prisons and four youth correctional facilities. (3/24/2020)
- The state is moving to videoconferencing of all scheduled [parole](#) suitability hearings starting next month. (3/24/2020)
- California awarded [\\$100 million](#) to cities, counties and continuums of care to help people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic. (3/23/2020)
- California State Parks is working closely with local county and public health officials to modify [park operations](#) by closing vehicular traffic at some park units to reduce the density of visitors. (3/23/2020)
- The state secured a presidential [Major Disaster Declaration](#), which makes federal funding available to state, tribal and local governments for emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, and makes funding available for crisis counseling for impacted individuals. (3/22/2020)
- California requested and received Personal Protective Equipment from the [Strategic National Stockpile](#). (3/21/2020)
- The state is leasing [two hospital s](#)to increase availability of beds for COVID-19 patients. (3/21/2020)
- California is directing more than \$42 million in emergency funding to expand California’s health care [infrastructure](#) and secure equipment and services to support California’s response to COVID-19. (3/21/2020)
- The Governor issued an executive order giving the state the ability to increase the [health care capacity](#) in clinics, mobile health care units and adult day health care facilities. (3/21/2020)

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- California launched a partnership Neighbor-to-Neighbor campaign with [com](#) and California Volunteers to safely deploy volunteers to help the most vulnerable Californians. (3/20/2020)
- The Governor activated close to 500 members of the [California National Guard](#) to help distribute food at food banks and protect California's most vulnerable residents. (3/20/2020)
- The Governor issued an executive order to permit [vote-by-mail](#) procedures to be used in three upcoming special elections, protecting public health and safety during the COVID-19 outbreak. (3/20/2020)
- The California Department of Human Resources issued directives to departments on how to manage the [state workforce](#) to keep employees safe while continuing to provide Californians critical support and services. (3/19/2020)
- The Department of Food and Agriculture published a [resource page](#) for the agricultural sector. (3/19/2020)
- The Governor requested immediate deployment of the USNS Mercy [Hospital Ship](#) to the Port of Los Angeles to decompress the state's health care delivery system in Los Angeles. (3/19/2020)
- The state requested [federal assistance](#) to supplement California's efforts to prepare for a COVID-19 surge. (3/19/2020)
- The Governor issued a [stay-at-home](#) order to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and slow the spread of COVID-19. (3/19/2020)
- The Department of Motor Vehicles cancelled [behind-the-wheel](#) drive tests, suspended extended office hours and moved to appointment-only service for transactions requiring an in-person visit. (3/18/2020)
- California launched a consumer-friendly [website](#) and public service announcements to boost COVID-19 awareness. (3/18/2020)
- The Governor issued an executive order providing [flexibility](#) to local governments to spend their emergency homelessness funding on immediate solutions tailored to combatting COVID-19 and its impacts on the homeless population. (3/18/2020)
- The Governor directed the first allocation of the \$500 million in emergency funding recently authorized by the Legislature for COVID-19 related activities – [\\$150 million](#) for local emergency homelessness actions. (3/18/2020)
- California is securing 1,309 travel [trailers and hundreds of hotels](#) rooms to provide immediate housing options for those most at risk. (3/18/2020)

- The Governor issued an executive order to ensure Californians who rely on Medi-Cal, Cal Fresh, CalWORKS, Cash Assistance for immigrants and in-home supportive services will [not lose access](#) due to COVID-19. (3/18/2020)
- The Governor issued an executive order to suspend [standardized testing](#) to focus on the mental and socioemotional well-being of students. (3/18/2020)
- The Governor placed the [National Guard](#) on alert to support COVID-19 community readiness. (3/17/2020)
- The state secured SBA disaster assistance for California [small businesses](#) economically impacted by COVID-19. (3/17/2020)
- The state removed barriers to make it easier for California to quickly and effectively provide care to about 13 million [Medi-Cal](#) beneficiaries and expand telehealth options. (3/17/2020)
- The Governor issued an executive order to ensure [vital good](#) scan be delivered to California retailers in a timely manner during the COVID-19 outbreak. (3/17/2020)
- The Governor requested and signed [emergency legislation](#) providing up to \$1 billion in funding to help California fight COVID-19. (3/17/2020)
- California released guidance and resources for schools to plan and implement [distance learning](#) and school meal delivery. (3/17/2020)
- State health and emergency officials directed bars and clubs to close and [restaurants](#) to open only for drive-through or pick-up/delivery. (3/17/2020)
- The state issued guidance for [vulnerable Californians](#)– older residents (65+) and those with underlying health conditions – to isolate at home. (3/16/2020)
- The Governor issued an executive order to protect the health and safety of Californians most vulnerable to COVID-19 residing at health care, residential and non-residential [facilities](#) licensed by the state. (3/16/2020)
- California Volunteers created a [resource page](#) on how Californians can safely help their communities during COVID-19. (3/16/2020)
- The Governor issued an executive order that authorizes local governments to halt evictions for [renters and homeowners](#), slows foreclosures, and protects against utility shutoffs for Californians affected by COVID-19. (3/16/2020)
- The Department of Motor Vehicles is allowing customers to avoid coming into the [DMV office](#) for 60 days so that at-risk populations can avoid required visits and practice social distancing. (3/16/2020)
- EDD is encouraging [employers](#) who are experiencing a slowdown in their businesses or services as a result of the outbreak’s impact on the economy to apply for an Unemployment Insurance work sharing program. (3/13/2020)
- In partnership with federal and local government, California managed the safe disembarkation and treatment of passengers from the [Grand Princess](#) cruise ship. (3/13/2020)

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- Californians unable to work because they are caring for an ill or quarantined family member can file a [Paid Family Leave](#)(3/13/2020)
- The California Employment Development Department (EDD) is encouraging individuals who are [unable to work](#) due to exposure to COVID-19 to file a Disability Insurance claim. (3/13/2020)
- The Franchise Tax Board is providing a 90-day extension to file California [tax returns](#) for taxpayers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. (3/13/2020)
- Caltrans launched a statewide educational campaign on more than 700 electronic [highway signs](#), urging all Californians to be more diligent about containing the spread of the virus. (3/13/2020)
- The Governor issued an executive order to ensure [schools](#) retain state funding even in the event of a COVID-19 physical closure. (3/13/2020)
- The Governor issued an executive order removing the [waiting period](#) for unemployment and disability insurance for Californians who lose work as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and readying the state to commandeer hotels and medical facilities. (3/12/2020)
- The state is allowing local and state legislative bodies to hold meetings via [conference calls](#) while still meeting state transparency requirements. (3/12/2020)
- The state directed [mass gatherings](#) be postponed or cancelled to slow the spread of the virus. (3/11/2020)
- The California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency released guidance for homeless [assistance](#) providers in the state. (3/10/2020)
- California obtained approval to provide [meal service](#) during school closures to minimize potential exposure to COVID-19. (3/7/2020)
- California activated the State Operations Center and the Medical and Health Coordination Center to coordinate response efforts across the state. (3/6/2020)
- 24 million more Californians were made eligible for [free](#) medically necessary COVID-19 testing. (3/5/2020)
- The Governor declared a [State of Emergency](#) to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19. (3/4/2020)
- California made available some of its emergency planning reserves of 21 million N95 filtering [face piece masks](#) for use in certain health care settings to ease shortages of personal protective equipment. (3/3/2020)

- The state secured COVID-19 [test kits](#) from the CDC to help get results sooner, identify and treat cases and trace potential exposure. (2/28/2020)
- The California Department of Public Health is coordinating with federal authorities and local health departments that have implemented screening, monitoring and, in some cases, quarantine of returning travelers. (Ongoing)
- The California Department of Public Health's state [laboratory](#) in Richmond and 21 other public health department laboratories are testing for the virus that causes COVID-19. (Ongoing)
- The state's public health experts are providing information, [guidance](#) documents, and technical support to local health departments, health care facilities, providers, schools, universities, colleges, elder care and congregate living facilities, childcare facilities and homeless shelters across California. (Ongoing)
- The state is piloting Community Based Testing Sites for high-risk individuals in partnership with [Verily](#). (Ongoing)

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 95,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*