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Santa Clara Mandate

As the global COVID-19 pandemic evolves, this [local mandate](#) from a county in California is an example of what individual governmental entities across the county may do in the days ahead.

To help reduce the spread of the COVID-19, the County of Santa Clara in the greater San Francisco Bay Area issued a “shelter-in-place” mandate that went into effect on March 17, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until April 7, 2020, unless extended or suspended.

The mandate requires all persons living in the county to stay inside their homes except for Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses (all defined within the order). There are certain exemptions or carve-outs within those defined terms, for example, “[p]rofessional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities.”

We encourage you to monitor your local public websites and to be prepared if a similar “shelter-in-place” mandate is instituted in your area. We are monitoring the situation closely and will continue to provide updates.