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SERVING UP THE LATEST CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT NEWS

CA CORONAVIRUS NEWS

It is March 18, 2020, and this is what you need to know: **California restaurant dining rooms are closed, per a directive from Gov. Gavin Newsom, which you can read more about [here](#)**. In many counties and cities, there are now orders to shelter-in-place, with the understanding that people may leave their homes for essential tasks, like buying food. Drive-thru, delivery, and takeout orders are still allowed. The CRA is urging public officials to continue allowing restaurant kitchens to remain open and serve food – the need for meals continues and has grown in households with children home from school.



Restaurant owner on business loss due to coronavirus pandemic

The CRA's Vice Chair, Madelyn Alfano, spoke



Employers can't give workers advance notice before closing

Because of the need to slow the spread of

to CNBC about the Hibernation Act, legislation being aggressively pushed by the CRA that would bring restaurants temporary relief from lease payments and other ongoing bills.

“At Maria’s Italian Kitchen, we’ve been a home away from home for so many years,” Alfano said. “We’ve been in business for 40 years and in all of my 40 years, I have never seen something like this.”

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the coronavirus, employers will continue to have to close abruptly, without having notice themselves. So, they simply won’t be able to meet requirements under the California WARN Act to give workers advance notice. At the CRA, we have been inundated with calls from members worried that they will face labor code penalties for simply following public health orders to close or to strictly limit service. In response, Gov. Newsom has issued a new executive order, suspending any penalties that would otherwise result from the WARN Act. His executive order will be effective through the end of this emergency.

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Restaurants and their workers need help

There are 1.4 million people who work in California restaurants. They are all being affected by the current crisis, with perhaps the most widespread impact to front-of-house workers. **[Listen to CRA CEO Jot Condie discuss those impacts here.](#)** (You’ll find Jot at about 40 minutes into this broadcast on Capital Public Radio’s Insight.) **[Click here to find a list of resources on the CRA’s website.](#)**

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U.S. CORONAVIRUS NEWS



What we know about Congress' potential \$1 trillion coronavirus package

Restaurants and their workers need help now. The Trump administration is promising a sweeping economic package that would include cash payments to workers, paid sick leave and unemployment benefits, and possibly, a way to keep workers on payroll.

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Coronavirus restrictions could last months: McDonald's closes dining rooms; fitness chains close; Kentucky Derby postponed

Life throughout the country is looking much different as many businesses are closing and new, severe restrictions are being placed on travel and even on freedom of movement in some regions, like the San Francisco Bay Area.

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15 Days to Slow the Spread PDF

The White House has issued new guidelines, asking Americans not to gather in groups of 10 or more people, and not to dine in restaurants but to use drive-thru, pickup, and delivery options instead.

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#CarryoutWednesday

Earlier this week, the National Restaurant Association started an effort to get restaurants and their guests spreading the word about the availability of delivery, pickup and drive-thru ordering. The hashtag the NRA is using is #CarryoutWednesday. Whatever day of the week it is, social media is one place to let your guests know that you are still preparing and serving meals.

[Learn more](#)



Restaurants Care is here for you during the COVID-19 Pandemic

We are committed to serving California's food service community through Restaurants Care by helping to fill the gap where government resources are unable to provide support, while still protecting those who need it most. Grants are available to restaurant workers diagnosed with or caring for someone diagnosed with Coronavirus.

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CRA NEWS



Request to join the CRA Facebook group for restaurant members!

Calling all CRA restaurant members! Join the group, connect with other restaurants and exchange ideas for surviving the economic fallout from the coronavirus. Here, CRA members can talk directly to each other about the public health risks, health care, the needs of your workforce, the needs of your business, along with legislative affairs.

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