



Interfaith Council of  
Contra Costa County

# New, Updated County's COVID-19 Virus Shelter in Place Health Policies

Dear Friends,

Today, Contra Costa County updated its Health Department policies and called for all people in Contra Costa County to **Shelter in Place (meaning not to leave home) except for essential services** (outlined in the document) **until at least April 7th, unless extended or rescinded.** *(See full letter below this letter or [at this link.](#))*

The County has set up an information line at **1-844-729-8410** to answer questions you may have about the Health Officer's order. The line will be in operation from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. beginning tomorrow.

Fortunately, our **County Crisis Line – at 211** – continues to be available around the county! Staying up to date with current factual information can help ease any anxiety or stress about the

situation. You can Text message the word “coronavirus” or “covid19” to 211211 for information on how the illness spreads, prevention & treatment, symptoms and more. Texters may share their zip code to be directed toward websites with local information where available. If you are unable to text, call 211 or 800.833.2900. Staying informed helps us reduce risk and stress.

You can sign up for the **Community Warning System** through the County Sheriff's offices at [this link](#) in English and Spanish. CWS Alerts are at [this link](#) anytime, day or night. This is a good idea to sign up for anyone who lives or works in the county to stay up on what emergencies are happening, and getting text messages wherever you or your loved ones are.

When you have to go out to buy food or access essential services, please continue to use **Social Distancing** measures to make sure they aren't sharing any colds, flus or the COVID-19. [See our page here for more information](#) from the County and SF. As always, the county link is <http://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org>

If you are anything like me, you may be interested in what other congregations and faith leaders are discussing about what these new policies mean for their worship services and faith gatherings this weekend and beyond. You can see some of their responses here: [What Are Congregations Doing to Respond to COVID-19?](#) Some congregations did live streaming or recordings of their services last week. ***Others are using Zoom to do online, interactive or webinar type services for all from home. This may be the best way to still hold services and stay safely at home.***

**In response, the Interfaith Council has cancelled all of our meetings for the foreseeable future** including the Interfaith Climate Action Network meeting planned for next Thursday ([Link](#)) and our Governing Board will meet online.

**A Faith Response to COVID-19 Webinar will be online on Wednesday, Marcy 18th, 8:00 am Pacific** (11:00 EST) with Rabbi Jonah Pesner, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Sharif Aly, CEO of Islamic Relief USA, and Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, COO of the National Council of Churches. Register on Zoom at [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_XSqpUfhoTGq3CvAgqzNHlg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XSqpUfhoTGq3CvAgqzNHlg) or watch live at <https://facebook.com/pcusawashingron/?ref=bookmarks>

**Future Events:**

**The Solar Power For Non-Profits** event on Wednesday, March 25th at 1:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran in Lafayette will have a livestream at <https://youtu.be/nsddvgejsbk>. [Link](#)

**Other events are far enough in the future that we will hold off on postponing them until necessary**, including our **ICAN's Earth Day Planet Friendly Food** event will be Sunday, April 19th at 4:00 pm at Unity Walnut Creek.

This year's **Mother Earth Retreat** series got off to a great start. Our next, follow up retreat, will be Sunday, May 3rd from 2-6 pm at San Damiano. [To register, go here!](#) [More information here.](#)

If you missed our printed **Winter 2020 Ministering Together Newsletter**, [you can see it here!](#)

We belong to each other.

Shalom, Peace, Salaam, Om Shanti, Solh, Amani, Paz, 평화, Ping On...

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