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The developments over the last week regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) are rapidly evolving. While county, state, and federal agencies take the lead to address the public health-related concerns related to the virus, our office is also working closely with the County, the Small Business Administration (SBA) and other key partners to assist our local businesses through the developing economic impacts.

Yesterday evening (March 17th), the County of Ventura issued a Public Health Order outlining new requirements for all permanent food facilities, including bars and nightclubs that offer food. The Public Health Order also requires closure of the following types of businesses in Ventura County:

- Bars and nightclubs that do not serve food
- Movie theaters, live performance venues, bowling alleys, and arcades
- Gyms, fitness centers, and aquatic centers
- Wineries, breweries, and tap rooms that provide tastings.

The economic health of our businesses is a key priority. We understand that during these times our local employees and employers are going to be affected by impacts of COVID-19. We are here with you and want to be your partner through these uncertain times.

If you are an employee or employer effected by COVID-19, please visit our website for a resource guide on information on economic recovery assistance. As new resources become available, this guide will be updated as needed.

Lastly, please be considerate of others and help to slow the spread. Review the CDC’s guidance for more information on how you can do your part.