

San Diego Convention Center Coronavirus (COVID-19) FAQ



What protective or preventative measures are in place at the San Diego Convention Center?

Staff receives ongoing training and updates about public health concerns. SDCC has increased its precautionary measures, including increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting commonly touched objects such as door handles and placing prominent hand sanitizer stations throughout the building. SDCC has also posted *Stay Healthy* signage to remind attendees of everyday precautions. SDCC and its tourism partners are maintaining communication with local health agencies to ensure best practices are in place. [See our blog post for more details about precautionary measures.](#)

Have any events been canceled or postponed?

Yes, several events in Spring 2020 have been canceled or postponed. Communications regarding any canceled or postponed events are initiated by event organizers. [We are maintaining a list of confirmed event changes on our website.](#)

Do SDCC employees have access to paid time off if they feel sick?

Yes. SDCC employees, including part-time staff, have access to paid time off.

Have there been any cases of COVID-19 at the San Diego Convention Center?

No, SDCC has not had any known cases of COVID-19.

Have there been any cases of COVID-19 in the San Diego region?

Yes. For information about confirmed and presumptive positive cases, see the [County of San Diego's Health & Human Services coronavirus resource.](#)

What protective or preventative measures are in place at the San Diego International Airport (SAN)?

Visit the [San Diego International Airport's website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Why did San Diego County declare a local health emergency?

On February 14, the County declared a local health emergency and proclaimed a local emergency to deal with the novel coronavirus. The local health emergency will last for 30 days, the local emergency for 60 days. The Board of Supervisors will consider extensions at each time interval.

According to the County, these actions empower the County to:

- more effectively respond to COVID-19
- seek and utilize mutual aid
- potentially obtain reimbursement
- ensure health professionals have all necessary tools available

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Where can I learn more about coronavirus?

- See the [CDC website](#) and [World Health Organization](#) for information about symptoms, transmission, and recent cases.
- For local updates, see the [San Diego County COVID-19](#) web page.
- For an informative guide for communicating with travelers, see [U.S. Travel](#) and [San Diego Tourism Authority](#).
- For resources regarding events and facilities, see guides from [PCMA](#) and [IAVM](#).

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

According to the CDC, symptoms can include runny nose, headache, cough, sore throat, fever and a general feeling of being unwell.

How is coronavirus spread?

Human coronaviruses are most commonly spread from an infected person to others through:

- Close contact (within 6 feet/2 meters);
- Respiratory droplets from a person coughing or sneezing;
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands; and
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands.

How can I protect myself?

Actions that can prevent the spread of more common respiratory infections, like the flu, are also effective at preventing the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. These actions include:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Stay home when you are sick;
- Cover your cough or sneeze, with a tissue if possible, then throw the tissue in the trash; and
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces often.

What should I do if I think I have been exposed to COVID-19?

If you have had close contact (within 6 feet/2 meters) with someone who is confirmed to have, or is being evaluated for COVID-19, you should:

- Monitor your health starting from the day you first had close contact with the person and continue for 14 days after you last had close contact with the person.
- Watch for these signs and symptoms:
 - Fever of 100.4°F/38°C or higher – take your temperature twice a day;

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- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- Coughing;
- Other early symptoms to watch for are chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting and runny nose.
- If you develop fever or any of these symptoms, call your healthcare provider right away and let them know about your recent travel or exposure and symptoms.

If COVID-19 becomes a problem at the SDCC or in San Diego County, how will staff, event organizers and attendees be alerted?

Relevant updates will be posted to our website: visitsandiego.com/covid19. In addition, SDCC will communicate with event organizers, partners and other key contacts to relay updates.

Sources: California Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, County of San Diego Public Health Services, First Aid Services of San Diego, San Diego International Airport, the U.S. Travel Association and the World Health Organization.