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Extended, relaxed shelter order underway in Marin, Bay Area

May 5, 2020 | Hannah Weikel

Marin and other Bay Area public-health officials have extended their regional shelterin-place orders through May 31, relaxing restrictions on certain "low risk" outdoor activities amid the coronavirus pandemic. Under the new orders, which went into effect May 4, construction workers, gardeners and landscapers can get back to work; garden centers, golf courses, athletic fields and skate parks can reopen; while recreational facilities and summer camps can host small groups — but all the new rules come with limitations. With the focus on outdoor activities, risk was a key factor, official said, so restaurants, cafes and bars with outdoor seating don't qualify, and "high touch" recreation remains off-limits, such as playgrounds, dog parks, picnic areas, swimming pools and anything with shared equipment.

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