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### **Point Reyes National Seashore Is Modifying Operations To Implement Local Health Guidance**

**Point Reyes Station, CA – Point Reyes National Seashore**, in response to the March 19, 2020 California State Shelter in Place order issued by *the Governor of the State of California*, as well as the March 16, 2020 *County of Marin Order to Shelter in Place*, is announcing additional modifications to operations to support federal, state, and local efforts to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

As of **March 22, 2020**, at **Point Reyes National Seashore is closing until further notice**: the Limantour access road, Drakes Beach, Drakes Estero, and Mt. Vision Road gates, in addition to the park Visitor Centers. Limited access will be allowed to Palomarin Trailhead area beyond Commonweal entrance, Pierce Point Road, Lighthouse and Chimney Rock parking lots. The park is operating under an Incident Command System, in response to the Governor's Shelter in Place order, and therefore have reduced staff presence in the park at this time. Consistent with local guidance, the park asks residents to please consider staying local when enjoying the outdoors. Services within the park and local communities are limited at this time.

The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, partners, and neighboring communities is our number one priority. The National Park Service (NPS) is working with federal, state, and local authorities to closely monitor COVID-19. We will provide updates on our website [nps.gov/pore](https://nps.gov/pore) and social media channels and notify the public when full operations resume.

The NPS **urges visitors** to do their part when visiting a park and to follow state and local public health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance to prevent the spread of infectious diseases by maintaining a safe distance between yourself and other groups; washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth; covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze; and most importantly, staying home if you feel sick.

For high-risk populations, such as the elderly and people with underlying conditions, we ask that they take extra caution and follow [CDC guidance](#) for those at higher risk of serious illness.

Updates about NPS operations will be posted on [www.nps.gov/coronavirus](http://www.nps.gov/coronavirus).

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