

# Bay Area becomes first California region to enact state's new stay-at-home orders

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Millions of people in the San Francisco Bay Area will be subject to new stay-at-home orders, local officials announced Friday, a day after California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) said most of the nation's most populous state was on track to hit critically low hospital capacity levels, triggering new restrictions.

The Bay Area has not reached those triggers yet but became the first region to implement the stay-at-home plans Newsom outlined. Health officials for the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco and Santa Clara said Friday that they [want to act before hospitals grow too strained](#). California on Friday reported 22,000 new coronavirus infections, the highest ever single-day total for any state.

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## Here are some significant developments:

- ◆ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has for the first time urged for [universal mask use indoors](#).
- ◆ President-elect Joe Biden encouraged fellow Democrats to [get on board with a bipartisan, \\$908 billion deal even as some liberals blasted it as insufficient](#).
- ◆ The U.S. economy [added 245,000 jobs](#) in November — the slowest month of growth since the recovery began.
- ◆ Covid-19-related deaths are likely to reach 539,000 by April, according to a new estimate Friday.
- ◆ The United States has set new highs for daily infections three days in a row, climbed past 2,500 deaths a day for four straight days and hit new highs for hospitalizations for the eighth consecutive day.

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