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California ISO extends visitor restrictions into 2021

Virtual meetings will continue to replace in-person events

FOLSOM, Calif. – To align with state mandates to prevent spread of the Covid-19 virus, the California Independent System Operator (ISO) will continue restrictions on in-person meetings and tours at ISO facilities and at off-site meetings, until further notice.

Meetings will continue to occur via teleconference or webinars, and stakeholders will keep receiving notifications and updates through [Daily Briefings](#) and the caiso.com website.

The ISO has also reissued protocols for staff to work from home to the maximum extent possible, along with strict guidelines for essential employees doing their jobs at ISO buildings, including health screenings, wearing facemasks, and social distancing.

The ISO's continuation of its pandemic policies are in response to a recent significant surge in reported Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations in California, and new and evolving state mandates regarding business practices.

The safety of its personnel and community is paramount to the ISO. As the operator of the power grid and markets for 80 percent of California, the ISO is defined as critical infrastructure, making it even more important for the company to protect the health of its employees so they can continue fulfilling the crucial mission of keeping the electricity flowing.

The ISO is also restricting business travel and following related quarantine and health check mandates.

The ISO will continue to monitor state requirements and the spread of the virus and provide updates as necessary.

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California ISO

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The Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Governing Body is the governing authority designed by regional stakeholders with delegated authority from the ISO Board of Governors to resolve rules specific to participation in the Western EIM.