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Editor's note: This story has been evolving and we will update as the situation changes and casinos extend closures or announce reopening dates. For the latest news, visit our [casinos section](#).

As [the novel coronavirus pandemic](#) continues, tribal-owned casinos across Southern California remain closed and the target for reopening continues to shift.

Most of the casinos had hoped to reopen by early April, but with [a statewide stay-at-home order in place](#), many have since pushed back their reopening date multiple times. Others have said they will now remain closed until further notice.

Here's the latest on each casino and their status.

Agua Caliente Casino Palm Springs

Where: 401 E. Amado Road, Palm Springs

Information: 888-999-1995, aguacalientecasinos.com

Status: Closed until further notice

The most recent update [posted to the casino's website](#), but not placed on social media, says that casino will remain temporarily closed. No timeframe for reopening is given.

[An earlier announcement posted to the website on March 27](#) said that starting April 1, team

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members will be paid by using their earned vacation hours and they will continue to receive health benefits through April 30.

That post also said that the Indian Canyons Golf Resort in Palm Springs and the hiking areas of Tahquitz Canyon and the Indian Canyons will also remain closed.

Agua Caliente Resort Casino Spa Rancho Mirage

Where: 32250 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage

Information: ☐ 888-999-1995, aguacalientecasinos.com

Status: ☐ Closed until further notice

The closure also applies to the resort property in Rancho Mirage.

Augustine Casino ☐

Where: 84001 Ave. 54, Coachella

Information: 760-391-9500, augustinecasino.com

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The Coachella casino has not announced a specific timeline for reopening.

“The decision to re-open the casino’s operations will be made at the discretion of the Augustine Tribe and the casino’s executive team,” a news release said.

Cahuilla Casino

Where: 52702 Highway 371, Anza

Information: ☐ 951-763-1200, cahuillacasinohotel.com

Status: Closed until further notice

The casino said it was [postponing the opening of its new casino hotel property, Cahuilla Casino Hotel, until further notice in a posting on its Facebook page.](#)

Director of Operations Melissa Asmus said officials wanted to hold off on selecting a new date for the opening until “we have a clearer picture of when that date will be.”

The Cahuilla Band of Indians’ convenience store and gas station, Mountain Sky Travel Center, will remain open to sell essential goods, according to the statement.

Casino Pauma☐

Where: 777 Pauma Reservation Road, Pauma Valley

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Information: 877-687-2862, casinopauma.com.

Status: Closed until further notice

In a news release issued March 16 the casino located in rural northern San Diego County, announced that it plans to stay closed until further notice to stop the spread of COVID-19. The casino has not released further information.

Fantasy Springs Resort Casino

Where: 84245 Indio Springs Parkway, Indio

Information: 760-342-5000, fantasyspringsresort.com .

Status: Closed until further notice

The Indio resort's most recent announcement, [issued March 26](#), said it was extending its closure into April and that it would evaluate reopening on a weekly basis. Full-time and part-time employees were still being paid and receiving benefits, as of that announcement.

Harrah's Resort Southern California

Where: 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center

Information: 760-751-3100, harrahssocal.com

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Status: Closed until further notice

The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians' [most recent update, posted March 27](#), said Harrah's Resort SoCal would remain closed until further notice. Harrah's team members will continue to receive a "significant percentage" of their pay plus benefits through mid-April, according to the announcement.

Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa

Where: 49500 Seminole Drive, Cabazon

Information: 951-849-3080, morongocasinoresort.com

Status: Closed until further notice

The Morongo Band of Mission Indians [posted an update on social media Wednesday, April 8](#), saying the Cabazon area casino would remain closed until further notice.

[A news release issued Friday, March 27](#), said Morongo team members would be paid using their earned vacation hours starting April 1 and would continue to receive benefits coverage under Morongo's medical, dental and vision plans.

Pala Casino, Spa & Resort

Where: 11154 Highway 76, Pala

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Information: 877-946-7252, palacasino.com

Status: Closed until further notice

The Pala Band of Mission Indians announced Wednesday, March 18, that it would temporarily shutter Pala until further notice. Since that time the casino has not issued any press releases regarding the temporary closure.

Guidance for team members on Pala's website had information on how they could use paid time off and how they could make penalty free withdrawals from their 401k under the CARES Act.

Pechanga Resort Casino

Where: 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula

Information: 877-711-2946, pechanga.com

Status: Closed until further notice

The Temecula area complex announced March 21 that its closure was expected to run into April. A temporary layoff began for employees April 1, but those employees will have their healthcare benefits paid through the end of the month.

San Manuel Casino

Where: 777 San Manuel Blvd., Highland

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Information: ☐ 909-864-5050, sanmanuel.com

Status: Closed through the end of April

The Highland casino announced April 3 [that it was extending its closure through the end of April.](#)

The statement also said that employee would receive full benefits through the end of the month, but their pay would be reduced. Senior staff, the announcement said, would be “impacted most significantly.”

“When we think about scenarios where the casino does not re-open on May 1, we recognize two very different realities: that we want to care for our team members in every way we can, and that we must preserve the future financial viability of our enterprise,” a portion of the statement said.

Soboba Casino Resort ☐

Where: 22777 Soboba Road, San Jacinto

Information: 951-665-1000, soboba.com

Status: Closed through end of April

The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians announced on April 1 t [hat Soboba Casino Resort would now be closed through April 30.](#)

They had originally hoped to be closed only through the beginning of April.

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Spotlight 29 Casino

Where: 46200 Harrison Place, Coachella

Information: 760-775-5566, spotlight29.com

Status: Closed until further notice

A March 19 announcement by the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians said Spotlight 29 would remain closed until further notice.

Tortoise Rock Casino

Where: 73829 Baseline Road, Twentynine Palms

Information: 760-367-9759, tortoiserockcasino.com

Status: Closed

The casino, a sister property to Spotlight 29 Casino, is also closed until further notice.

Valley View Casino & Hotel

Where: 16300 Nyemii Pass Road, Valley Center.

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Information: 760-291-5500, valleyviewcasino.com

Status: Closed through early May

The Valley Center casino's [most recent announcement](#) on its website says it will be closed through May 7, with plans to reopen Friday, May 8, "but as we all know that date could change."

Additional San Diego-area casinos

Barona Resort & Casino near Lakeside announced on March 27 that it was extending its closure through April 19, according to a news release. The casino was originally planning on staying closed through the end of March. The news release says staff members will continue to be paid and receive benefits.

Jamul Casino in a recent update on its website said that because of federal social distancing guidelines and California's stay at home order, it could not provide clear guidance on when the casino would be reopened. Team members will receive their base pay and benefits through April 11 and after that time be able to "cash out their paid time off balances and access the recently passed CARES Act to continue to support their families until the casino is ready to reopen."

Sycuan Casino Resort near El Cajon said on its website on March 27 that it was extending its closure until further notice, as "there are too many unknowns to confidently provide a date." The online announcement said team members who were still employed at the time of the full closure will receive pay through April 30 and their full benefits package through at least April 30.

Viejas Casino & Resort at 5000 Willows Road near Alpine, in an update on its website on March 26, said it was planning on remaining closed and that a reopening date had not been determined.

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Golden Acorn Casino and Travel Center at 1800 Golden Acorn Way near Campo announced in a posting on its Facebook page April 1, that it was extending its closure until further notice.

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