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Employment Update: Status on SoCo COVID-19 Check App
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This is an update on the new “SoCo COVID-19 Check App” that Sonoma County wants employers and employees of Sonoma County businesses to use on a daily basis.

The app is likely not yet required, but it is not clear from the County. The County notes, in part, on one of its numerous FAQ pages:

Is use of the app required?

... The App is currently available for download, however the employer component of the App is pending approval from Apple. **The County will require businesses to use the App one week after the final version is released.** The County will announce when the final version is approved by Apple. We apologize for the confusion and the inconvenience this has caused our business community. ...

Confusion and inconvenience does not begin to cover this situation. It’s not clear yet where or how the County will announce when the final version is available for everyone. It is also unclear whether they expect non-Apple users to be using the app, since the Android version is available. We are monitoring the County’s website and have reached out to the Department of Health Services for more information. We will update you once more information is available.

This is the direct link to the Covid-19 Check App FAQs: <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Disease-Control/Coronavirus/FAQ-COVID-app/>.

The County has two web pages with information regarding the app, including instructions on how to use and download the app, FAQs, and other information:

- <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Health/Disease-Control/Coronavirus/SoCo-COVID19-Check-App/>
- <http://sonomaedb.org/Business-Assistance/Coronavirus/Business-Management-Plans/>