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NEWS BRIEF: Colusa County Advances to Red (Substantial) Tier of COVID-19 Blueprint for a Safer Economy

Effective yesterday, Colusa County has officially advanced to the Red (Substantial) Tier of the State's COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Earlier today, Colusa County was notified by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) that our local COVID-19 metrics have allowed the county to move from the Purple (Widespread) Tier to the Red (Substantial) Tier, resulting in additional "loosening" of local restrictions. Every county in California is assigned to a Tier based upon its test positivity and adjusted case rate. At a minimum, counties must remain in a Tier for at least 3 weeks before moving forward. Data is reviewed weekly by CDPH, and Tiers are updated each Tuesday.

To move forward, a county must meet the next Tier's criteria for two consecutive weeks. However, if a county's metrics worsen for two consecutive weeks, it will revert to a more restrictive Tier. Colusa County has been in the Purple (Widespread) Tier for the past six consecutive weeks prior to advancing to the Red (Substantial) Tier today as a result of a decline within our local test positivity rate and adjusted case rates for the last two weeks.

The Red (Substantial) Tier allows for the limited resumption of indoor operations for non-essential businesses at 25% capacity; this includes places of worship, restaurants, etc. In-person instruction for grades 7-12 cannot reopen for an additional two weeks to ensure the county remains in the Red (Substantial) Tier. Details on case rates, as well as guidance for businesses can be accessed here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>.

Our community has persevered, and the Colusa County Department of Health & Human Services would ask that we remain diligent in ensuring compliance to the face covering Order, continue maintaining 6-ft physical distancing, continue hand washing and proper hygiene, and remain home if sick, or exposed to COVID-19.