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NEWS BRIEF: Colusa County Regresses to Red (Substantial) Tier of COVID-19 Blueprint for a Safer Economy; State Issues Additional Face Covering Guidance.

Effective immediately, based upon local COVID-19 (Coronavirus) metrics from the week of 11/04 – 11/10, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has moved Colusa County back into a more restrictive Red (Substantial) Tier under the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Earlier today, Colusa County was notified by the CDPH that our local COVID-19 metrics have placed the county in a position to move from the Orange (Moderate) Tier to the Red (Substantial) Tier, resulting in “tightening” of local restrictions. The CDPH is now making Tier adjustment decisions based upon a single week of data, and counties may regress by more than one Tier at a time. In addition, adjudication requests will no longer allow counties to remain in their current Tier as they await response to their request, and additional statewide advisories are expected later this week.

Regression to the Red (Substantial) Tier applies capacity limits on all indoor retail operations and shopping centers (50%), indoor places of worship (25% or 100 people, whichever is fewer), gyms and fitness centers (10%), indoor dining (25% or 100 people, whichever is fewer), and indoor museums (25%). Additionally, wineries must move all operations outdoors, and bars, breweries, and distilleries where no meals are provided must close. Bars, breweries, and distilleries that serve food must comply with the restaurant guidance.

Business Sector Operations Open Indoors with Modifications

- Critical Infrastructure
- Hair Salons and Barbershops
- Personal Care Services
- All Retail
  - Max 50% Capacity
- Restaurants
  - Max 25% Capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- Museums
  - Max 25% Capacity
- Places of Worship
  - Max 25% Capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- Movie Theaters
  - Max 25% Capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- Hotels and Lodging
- Fitness Centers: 10% Capacity
  - Indoor Pools Closed
- Gyms and Fitness Centers
  - Max 10% Capacity
  - Indoor Pools Closed
- Family Entertainment Centers (including Bowling Alleys & Climbing Walls)
  - Outdoor Only

Details on case rates, as well as guidance for businesses can be accessed here: [https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/](https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/).

In addition, earlier today the CDPH issued updated, more restrictive statewide face covering guidance. Specifically, people in California must wear face coverings when they are outside of the home, unless one of the following exemptions applies:

- Persons in a car alone or solely with members of their own household.
- Persons who are working in an office or in a room alone.
- Persons who are actively eating or drinking provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.
- Persons who are outdoors and maintaining at least six feet of social distancing from others not in their household. Such persons must have a face covering with them at all times and must put it on if they are within six feet of others who are not in their household.
- Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
- Workers who are required to wear respiratory protection.
- Persons who are specifically exempted from wearing face coverings by other CDPH guidance.

Details on the CDPH’s updated face covering guidance, including exemptions, can be accessed here: [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx)

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.