

September 29, 2020

Dear Rancho Cordova Residents and Businesses,

I have an update to share regarding Sacramento County's COVID-19 status.

As you might recall, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor announced a tiered system for loosening and tightening restrictions on California county activities to reduce the number of COVID-19 cases, as well as for re-opening business sectors.

Sacramento County has been in Purple Tier 1 (widespread), which is the most restrictive tier. Tiers are determined based on COVID-19 case rate and positive test rate. Today, Sacramento County met the criteria and has officially moved into Red Tier 2 (substantial) of the [state's colored tier system](#).

What does this mean? It means we must still wear face coverings, practice social distancing and wash our hands frequently, but it also means some of the restrictions that have been in place are now loosened:

Red Tier 2 allows the following sectors to open for **INDOOR operations with modifications**. [Industry Guidance can be found here](#).

- All retail (maximum 50% capacity)
- Critical infrastructure (<https://covid19.ca.gov/essential-workforce/>)
- Gyms and fitness centers (maximum 10% capacity)
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Movie theaters (maximum 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
- Museums, zoos, aquariums (maximum 25% capacity)
- Nail salons and physician-ordered electrolysis operations
- Personal care services (e.g. body waxing, estheticians)
- Places of worship (maximum 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
- Professional sports (without live audiences)
- Restaurants (maximum 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
- Shopping centers (e.g. malls, destination centers, swap meets, excluding food courts and common areas) (maximum 50% capacity)

Red Tier 2 also allows for the following sectors to open for **OUTDOOR operations only**. Outdoor operations may be conducted under a tent, canopy or other sun shelter with no more than one side closed.

- Family Entertainment Centers (e.g. bowling alleys, miniature golf, batting cages and arcades)
- Cardrooms, satellite wagering
- Wineries

- Bars, pubs, brewpubs, breweries and distilleries may operate outdoors, only if they offer sit-down, outdoor meals

As a result of moving to Red Tier 2, Sacramento County has an [Updated Public Health Order](#), which goes into effect today, September 29, 2020 at 3 PM.

### **Schools could possibly open in a few weeks**

[Schools in Sacramento County must continue to follow the specific Order issued by the Health Officer on Aug. 28.](#) Sacramento County must continue to meet criteria for Red Tier 2 for an additional two weeks before allowing all schools (transitional kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grade) the option to open for in-person instruction. When this criterion is met, the Health Order for schools will be amended/rescinded.

### **Where do we go from here?**

Orange Tier 3 allows for greater capacity for reopening business sectors. To meet the criteria for this next less-restrictive tier, Sacramento County needs to bring its daily case rate under 4 per 100,000 daily cases and its positivity rate under 5%. The County has already met the 5% positivity rate, so the goal now will be to drastically reduce the case rate from 6.6 currently to 4 per 100,000 daily cases.

### **Free COVID-19 Webinar**

Join Dr. Kasirye, Sacramento County Health Officer, and Dr. Beilenson, Public Health Director, for an informational COVID-19 webinar and question and answer session. The next webinar will be on **October 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 – 7:30 PM**; the webinars occur every other Thursday. Register in advance for this webinar: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_MItRI1QwaaXIUlemJfRA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MItRI1QwaaXIUlemJfRA)

### **What about Halloween?**

The County has also released [guidance for Halloween](#)-related activities such as [trick-or-treating](#) and [pumpkin patches](#).

We are making progress in mitigating the spread of COVID-19. I send you my best wishes for your health and safety. More information can be found at [CityofRanchoCordova.org/coronavirus](http://CityofRanchoCordova.org/coronavirus).

Sincerely,

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City Manager