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MONO COUNTY REASSIGNED TO MORE RESTRICTIVE (RED) TIER OF STATEWIDE BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY

November 16, 2020 – Effective this week, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has reassigned Mono County to the more restrictive **Tier 2, Substantial (Red)** of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy (Blueprint), the State’s “stringent and slow plan for living with COVID-19 (Coronavirus).” The Blueprint consists of 4 Tiers which rank a County’s current infection rate and determine what business sectors can and cannot operate.

“We recognize the sacrifices that have been made, and the disappointments that have been experienced throughout this difficult year,” stated Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Public Health Officer. *“The reality is that the current trend in increased cases both statewide and locally is alarming, and we MUST double-down on our efforts to reduce transmission by all means possible.”*

Regression to **Tier 2, Substantial (Red)** applies capacity limits to several Activity and Business Tiers. To view tier level descriptions, statewide county rankings, and what activities are allowable in Mono County, please visit covid19.ca.gov or view the sector summary status below.

“We strongly urge residents, business owners, and visitors to take precautions, and remain vigilant in the fight against transmission,” continued Dr. Boo. *“Recent advancements with the COVID-19 vaccination trials provide hope that there is a light at the end of this long, dark tunnel. We ask that you hang in there a while longer and do your best to protect others.”*

In addition to Blueprint regression, the State has joined Washington and Oregon in issuing a statewide non-essential travel advisory. California residents are encouraged to stay home or in their region and

avoid non-essential travel to other states or countries as avoiding travel can reduce the risk of getting infected and bringing the virus back to California. Persons arriving from other state or countries, including returning California residents, should practice self-quarantine for 14-days after arrival. Details on the travel advisory can be accessed here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Travel-Advisory.aspx>

Summary Status of Mono County Business Sector Operations¹ (Effective week of Nov. 16)

Open Indoors with Modifications* (based on Industry Guidance found at <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>):

- Critical Infrastructure
 - Open with modifications
- Hair Salons and Barbershops
 - Open indoors with modifications
- Personal Care Services
 - Open indoors with modifications
- All Retail
 - Open indoors with modifications - Max. 50% of capacity
- Restaurants
 - Open indoors with modifications - Max. 25% of capacity, or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- Bars, Breweries and Distilleries
 - No meal provided – Closed
 - Meal is provided – Open with Restaurant modifications and capacity limits
- Museums
 - Open indoors with modifications - Max. 25% of capacity
- Places of Worship
 - Open indoors with modifications - Max. 25% of capacity, or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- Movie Theaters

¹ https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September_2020.pdf

- Open indoors with modifications - Max. 25% of capacity, or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- Hotels and Lodging
 - Can Open Fitness Centers - 10% of capacity
 - Indoor Pools Closed
 - Public Health Order (Aug. 11, 2020) for Town of Mammoth Lakes in effect
- Gyms and Fitness Centers
 - Max 10% of capacity
 - Indoor Pools Closed
- Family Entertainment Centers (including Bowling Alleys & Climbing Walls)
 - Outdoor Only with modifications

***County Health Orders supersede State guidelines when and if they are stricter than the State. Business operators are required to adhere to current County Health Officer Orders and Interim Business Guidelines published under 'Directives' online at: MonoHealth.com/Coronavirus.**

The California Department of Public Health recognizes that COVID-19 will be with us for a long time and that we all need to adapt and live differently to get through this. All Mono County residents and visitors are asked to do their part to **#StaySafeToStayOpen**. This is more than a hashtag – it needs to become a way of life.

Additional information regarding the Blueprint for a Safer Economy is available online: <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/> or by visiting the Mono County COVID-19 Portal in English: **MonoHealth.com/Coronavirus** or Spanish: <https://monohealth.com/coronavirus-es>.

Cover. Distance. Wash and **#StaySafeToStayOpen!**

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