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Siskiyou County Moves to Tier 1 (Purple)

Yreka, CA. – On November 17, 2020 Siskiyou County will be moved from Tier 3 (orange) to the most restrictive Tier 1 (purple) of the State's COVID-19 Blueprint for a Safer Economy, due to the increasing case rates.

Every county in California is assigned to a tier based on its test positivity and adjusted case rate. If a county's metrics worsen for two consecutive weeks, it will be assigned a more restrictive tier. At a minimum, counties must remain in a tier for at least 3 weeks before moving forward. To understand how tiers are assigned and change visit the [California Department of Public Health guidance page](#).

Restrictions in Tier 1

Effective November 18, 2020 the following business sectors that were previously allowed to open indoors will now be **limited to outdoor or remote operations**:

- Restaurants: Can open outdoors only with modifications
- Places of Worship: Can open outdoors only with modifications
- Gyms and Fitness Centers: Can open outdoors only with modifications
- Movie theaters: Can open outdoors only with modifications
- Museums: Can open outdoors only with modifications
- Family Entertainment Centers: Can open outdoors only with modifications
- Offices (non-essential businesses): Can work remotely

The following businesses previously allowed to open indoors with capacity maximums may continue to be open indoors with **reduced** capacity:

- Retail: Can open with modifications – Max 25% capacity
 - **Grocery store** capacity must be limited to 50%

The following businesses previously allowed to open with modifications may continue to be open with modifications:

- Hotels and Lodging
- Personal Care Services- Hair Salons, Nail Salons, Barbershops, Estheticians, Massage studios; Tattoo parlors, Piercing shops
- Limited Services- Carwashes, Dry Cleaners, Electricians, Handypersons/general contractors, HVAC services, Landscapers, Laundromats, Pet Groomers, Plumbing services, Janitorial/cleaning services

The following must remain **closed**:

- Bars, breweries and distilleries: are prohibited from operating with the exception of those serving sit-down, **outdoor** meals.

Schools:

Schools that have already re-opened when the county was in a less restrictive tier do not have to close. However, if a school had not already reopened for in-person instruction, it may not reopen until the county moves back to the Substantial (Red) Tier for 14 days.

Businesses should review the State's COVID-19 industry guidance to ensure that all modifications and mitigation measures are in place to prevent the spread of the virus: covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/.

To move forward, a county must meet the next tier's criteria for two consecutive weeks. To advance into less restrictive tiers, Siskiyou County needs to have lower daily case rates. The most effective way to do that is to continue to practice preventive measures. We all need to do our part to protect the health and economy of the community.

- **Avoid close contact and practice social distancing.** Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people and limit your interactions to less than 15 minutes - remember quick pass through with people may be tolerated but longer than 15 minutes puts a person more at risk.
- **Wear a mask.** Make sure your mask fits over your mouth and nose.
- **Clean and disinfect** frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- **Stay home when you are sick.** Except to get medical care.
- **Wash your hands often (or use hand sanitizer).** Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you don't have access to soap and water, then use hand sanitizer with 70% ethyl alcohol content.
- **Avoid gatherings.** Avoid gathering with non-household members.

To learn more about the State's Tier system and specific allowable activities for Sacramento County, [visit the State of California's COVID-19 Blueprint for a Safer Economy website](#).

For information on the County's metrics, visit [Siskiyou County Public Health website](#).

Residents can call Siskiyou County Public Health at 530-841-2134, Siskiyou 2-1-1 for resource information or visit Siskiyou County Public Health on [Facebook](#).

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