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Solano County returns to Red Tier (Tier 2) effective March 10, loosening restrictions for certain businesses activities

SOLANO COUNTY — The State of California announced today that Solano County has moved from the most restrictive Purple Tier (Tier 1) to a less-restrictive Red Tier (Tier 2) of the State's COVID-19 Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Effective Wednesday, March 10, more businesses and activities will be able to expand capacity or resume operations, including indoor services at restaurants, increased capacity at retail and shopping centers, youth sports activities and an opportunity for schools to reopen.

"The declining number of cases is great news for our community as a whole, with local businesses now able to expand operations," said Bela T. Matyas, M.D., M.P.H. "However, it is still critical for everyone to continue to practice health and safety measures. Let us all continue to do our part to protect ourselves and others from COVID-19 infection—wear a mask, practice physical distancing, limit gatherings with others outside of the household, and get vaccinated when the vaccine is available for you."

MOVING INTO THE RED TIER (TIER 2) ALLOWS:

- Restaurants indoor dining (max 25% capacity of facility or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
- All retail indoors (max 50% capacity of facility)
- Shopping centers, swap meets indoors (max 50% capacity of facility, closed common areas)
- Museums, zoos and aquariums (max 25% capacity of facility)
- Movie theaters indoors (max 25% capacity of facility or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
- Gyms and fitness centers indoors (max 10% capacity of facility)
- Schools may open while in Red Tier status and provide in-person instruction
- Youth sports: Outdoor low-and moderate-contact sports are permitted; outdoor high-contact sports are also permitted if state guidelines are adhered to

BUSINESSES MUST STILL IMPLEMENT STATE-MANDATED INDUSTRY GUIDANCE:

Prior to opening under the Red Tier, all businesses and activities must review the State guidelines, complete a State COVID-19 general checklist and ensure a written plan is on file and available for public review. Information and resources on Guidance for Specific Industries is available on the State's COVID-19 website at www.covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/

WHAT CAN HAPPEN OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS

To move to an even less restrictive tier, the Orange Tier (Tier 3), test positivity rates and additional metrics must continue to improve for two consecutive weeks. If Solano County residents and businesses continue to make progress in preventing COVID-19 transmission, additional business sectors and indoor activities can progressively begin to open, with modifications.

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VACCINATED SECTORS IN SOLANO COUNTY

Nearly 90,000 people have been vaccinated and more than 30,000 have received two doses, including the healthcare and emergency services sectors, individuals 65 years of age and older, childcare workers, teachers and school employees, food and agricultural workers.

NOTIFICATION ABOUT UPCOMING VACCINE CLINICS

Solano Public Health urges Solano County residents to register on both the Solano County Vaccine Interest Form and on the State's MyTurn system to be pre-screened and notified of opportunities to receive a vaccine when it is their turn. Register for the Vaccine Interest Form by visiting bit.ly/solanovax or by calling (707) 784-8988. Register on the State's MyTurn notification system by visiting <https://MyTurn.Ca.Gov> or by calling (833) 422-4255.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

For the most recent local COVID-19 health information, including the number of COVID-19 cases and to register for vaccination in Solano County, visit the Solano County website at www.SolanoCounty.com/COVID19 and on Facebook at [@SolanoCountyPH](https://www.Facebook.com/SolanoCountyPH).

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