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County variance info

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County data monitoring

California is [monitoring COVID-19 closely](#) in each local community and keeping the public informed. We're teaming up with counties to fight it with every tool we have: [current local data](#), testing, contact tracing, infection control, emergency supplies, containment measures, and more.

Counties should be ready to restore limitations if outbreaks increase. The State Public Health Officer may take action if needed.

Effective July 13, 2020, ALL counties must close indoor operations in these sectors:

- Dine-in restaurants
- Wineries and tasting rooms

- Movie theaters
- Family entertainment centers (for example: bowling alleys, miniature golf, batting cages and arcades)
- Zoos and museums
- Cardrooms

Additionally, bars, brewpubs, breweries, and pubs must close all operations both indoor and outdoor statewide, unless they are offering sit-down, **outdoor** dining. Alcohol can only be sold in the same transaction as a meal.

Counties that have remained on the County Monitoring List for 3 consecutive days will be required to shut down the following industries or activities unless they can be modified to operate outside or by pick-up.

- Gyms and fitness centers
- Places of worship and cultural ceremonies, like weddings and funerals
- Offices for non-critical infrastructure sectors
- Personal care services, like nail salons and body waxing
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Shopping malls

Shops that offer tattoos, piercings and electrolysis may not be operated outdoors and must close.

County monitoring list updates (8/17/2020)

California Department of Public Health has updated the County Monitoring List (CML) now that the recent backlog of data has been cleared. As a result, CDPH has retroactively updated the list for each day over the entire period impacted (July 25 – August 16).

If a county should have moved off the CML while the list was frozen, that date is being calculated retroactively. The calculation will use the first date after three consecutive days of being under the threshold for the CML metrics.

If a county moved onto the CML during the period the list was frozen (August 1 through August 16), they are allowed a 48 hour time period to implement sector closures in compliance with the July 13 order. New closures must be effective by 11:59pm, August 19th.

Counties on the list below are currently on the County Monitoring List. Retroactive dates were added for counties newly added during the list freeze:

County Monitoring List

1. Alameda
2. Amador – 7/25/2020
3. Butte
4. Calaveras – 8/13/2020
5. Colusa
6. Contra Costa

7. Fresno
8. Glenn
9. Imperial
10. Inyo – 8/6/2020
11. Kern
12. Kings
13. Los Angeles
14. Madera
15. Marin
16. Mendocino – 7/25/2020
17. Merced
18. Mono
19. Monterey
20. Napa
21. Orange
22. Placer
23. Riverside
24. Sacramento
25. San Benito
26. San Bernardino
27. San Diego
28. San Francisco
29. San Joaquin

30. San Luis Obispo
31. San Mateo
32. Santa Barbara
33. Santa Clara
34. Sierra – 8/15/2020
35. Solano
36. Sonoma
37. Stanislaus
38. Sutter
39. Tulare
40. Ventura
41. Yolo
42. Yuba

The following counties are no longer on the County Monitoring List:

- Santa Cruz as of 8/14/2020

Once a county appears on the County Monitoring List for three consecutive days, indoor operations in the sectors listed in Section 3 of the [July 13th State Health Officer Order](#) must close.

- The July 13th order specifies that these indoor operations shall remain closed, even when a county is removed from the County Monitoring List, until the State Health Officer modifies the Order and authorizes re-opening.
- The State of California is actively reassessing the July 13th order in light of evolving scientific evidence regarding disease transmission and the risk of transmission in different settings and will provide updates in the coming week

Please Note: The data used for county tracking on this page may differ from the data reported by counties and data used by the California Department of Public Health's county data monitoring program, which incorporates specific epidemiologic metrics, lag time, and ongoing updates as case data are reconciled. [Learn more on the CDPH County Monitoring List page here.](#)

The State Public Health Officer may take additional action if needed.

Track county data and monitoring status

For counties without attestations

County attestation process

Local health jurisdictions that meet the criteria set forth by the California Department of Public Health and follow the process in the [county guidance](#) may move further ahead in the Resilience Roadmap.

If a county decides to pursue a variance to move further ahead in the Resilience Roadmap, the local public health officer must:

1. Notify the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).
2. Certify through submission of a written attestation to CDPH that the county has met the readiness criteria (outlined below), including guidance to be issued by the county and detailed plans, and that the county is designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

See the [list of counties](#) that have met the criteria.

The three steps below outline the county data monitoring process.



STEP 1:



STEP 2:



STEP 3:

**Active Data
Monitoring**

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Note: There were 6,469 newly recorded confirmed cases Sunday. Numbers do not represent true day-over-day change as these results include cases from prior to yesterday.



What is allowed to open in my county?

Use the map above to see which category your county falls into.
See [guidance for each of the mentioned industries](#).

**For attested counties not on
Monitoring List**

**For counties on Monitoring List for 3
consecutive days**