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# Blueprint for a Safer Economy

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California has a blueprint for reducing COVID-19 in the state with revised criteria for loosening and tightening restrictions on activities.

## Find the status for activities in your county

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## Understand your county's status

Every county in California is assigned to a tier based on its test positivity and adjusted case rate.

In light of the recent, unprecedented surge in rate of increase of cases, the following changes are effective until further notice:

- Tier assignments may occur any day of the week and may occur more than once a week when the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) determines that the most recent reliable data indicate that immediate action is needed to address COVID-19 transmission in a county.
- Counties may be moved back more than one tier if CDPH determines that the data supports more intensive intervention. Key considerations will include the rate of increase in new cases and/or test positivity, more recent data as noted below, public health capacity, and other epidemiological factors.
- The most recent reliable data will be used to complete the assessment.
- In light of the extreme circumstances requiring immediate action, counties will be required to implement any sector changes the day following the tier announcement.
- Full details on the Blueprint are available in CDPH's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework](#).

## Reopening safely for all communities

COVID-19 has impacted some communities more than others. They face higher rates of infection and death. These include our Latino, Black, Pacific Islander, low income, and essential worker communities.

Counties must address COVID-19 in **all** communities to open further, including making sure the positivity rate in certain neighborhoods (health equity metric) does not significantly lag behind overall county positivity rates. These efforts need cross-sector and broad partnerships to succeed. The health equity metric is only used to decide whether a county can move to a less restrictive tier. Learn more about this [focus on equity](#).

## WIDESPREAD

Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed

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### Adjusted cases\*

7-day average of daily COVID-19 cases per 100K with 7-day lag, adjusted for number of tests performed

More than 7.0

Daily new cases (per 100k)

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### Positivity rate\*\*

7-day average of all COVID-19 tests performed that are positive

Entire county

More than 8.0%

Positive tests

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## SUBSTANTIAL

Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed

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### Adjusted cases\*

7-day average of daily COVID-19 cases per 100K with 7-day lag, adjusted for number of tests performed

4.0 – 7.0

Daily new cases (per 100k)

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### Positivity rate\*\*

7-day average of all COVID-19 tests performed that are positive

Entire county

5.0 – 8.0%

Positive tests

### Health equity quartile

5.3 – 8.0%

Positive tests

## MODERATE

Some indoor business operations are open with modifications

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### Adjusted cases\*

7-day average of daily COVID-19 cases per 100K with 7-day lag, adjusted for number of tests performed

1.0 – 3.9

Daily new cases (per 100k)

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### Positivity rate\*\*

7-day average of all COVID-19 tests performed that are positive

#### Entire county

2.0 – 4.9%

Positive tests

#### Health equity quartile

2.2 – 5.2%

Positive tests

## MINIMAL

Most indoor business operations are open with modifications

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### Adjusted cases\*

7-day average of daily COVID-19 cases per 100K with 7-day lag, adjusted for number of tests performed

Less than 1.0

Daily new cases (per 100k)

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### Positivity rate\*\*

7-day average of all COVID-19 tests performed that are positive

7-day average of all COVID-19 tests performed that are positive

**Entire county**

Less than 2.0%

Positive tests

**Health equity quartile**

Less than 2.2%

Positive tests

The positivity rate in the matrix above excludes people in state and federal prisons, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement facilities, US Marshal detention facilities, and Department of State Hospitals facilities.

\*Small counties (those with a population less than 106,000) may be subject to alternate case assessment measures for purposes of tier assignment.

\*\*Health equity metric is not applied for small counties. The health equity metric is used to move to a less restrictive tier.

## **Regional Stay Home Order**

The CA Department of Public Health ended the Regional Stay Home Order across California. This action came as projected ICU availability rose above 15%. Counties have returned to their assigned Blueprint tiers and are urged to continue safe practices, avoiding crowds and wearing a mask when leaving home.

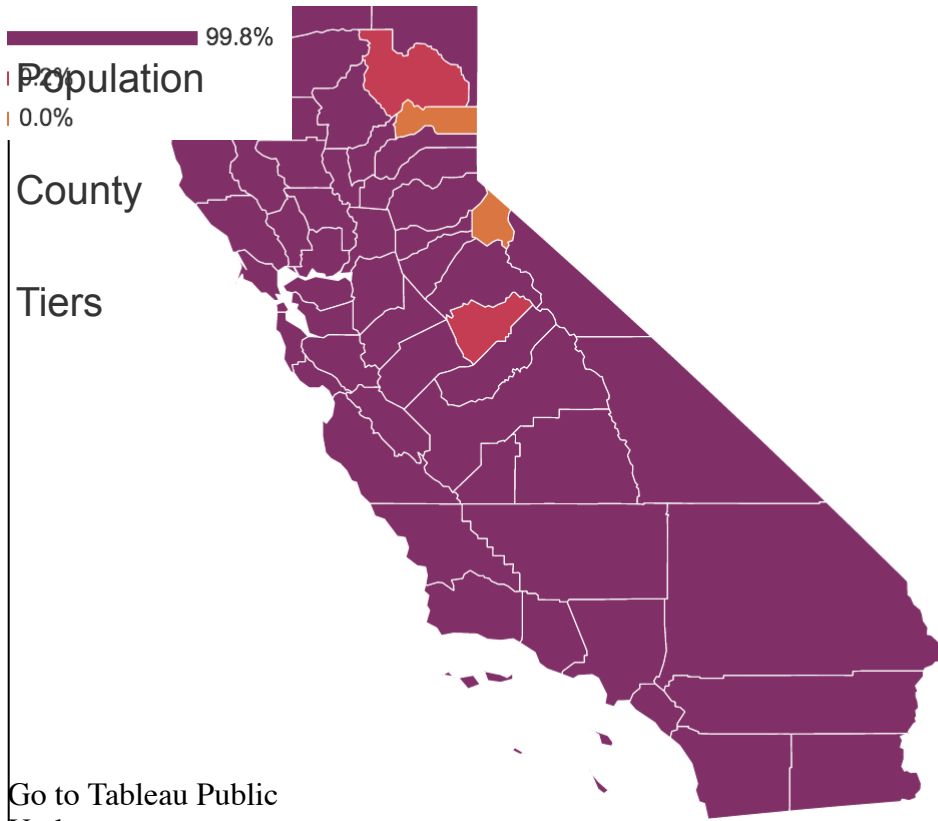
## **Current tier assignments as of February 16, 2021**

Tier assignments may occur any day of the week and may occur more than once a week. Select a county to see what region it's in.

## Regional ICU Capacity

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52 40,047,224 sitive cases per day per 100K  
 3 64,350  
 CA 17,586  
 (day average)



All data and tier assignments are based on results from week ending February 6, 2021. See how tiers are assigned and changed, as well as county historical data (**California Blueprint Data Chart**), at [CDPH's Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework](#). Regional ICU capacity is now calculated using the total number of adult ICU beds in hospitals with an emergency department and does not include neonatal or pediatric ICU beds. Since the Regional Stay Home Order ended on January 25, 2021, the regional ICU capacity no longer includes an adjustment for the percentage of COVID-19 positive patients in ICU.

## Questions and answers

**Why can some activities and businesses open while others have to stay closed?**



**What happened to the County Monitoring List?**



**What happens if my county's case rate and positivity measures fall into**



What happens if my county's case rate and positivity measures fall into two different tiers?



Can my school open under the Blueprint for a Safer Economy?



What can I do to help my county reach a lower tier?



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