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### **Butte County COVID-19 Data Trending Towards Tier 2 (Red – More Restrictive)**

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – Butte County Public Health urges residents to take action to prevent COVID-19 as current case and test positivity rates, as monitored by the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy, are trending higher. If this trend continues, Butte County will likely move back to Tier 2 (red) by November 17, 2020.

Moving back to Tier 2 would place more restriction on businesses and activities that have been able to increase indoor operations since being in Tier 3 (orange) on October 20, 2020. This move would also require some business to close all indoor operations.

This week, BCPH also announced the first death in a person in their 20’s with no underlying health conditions. This is a sad and stark reminder that COVID-19 can affect anyone, no matter their age. BCPH also reported the biggest increase in cases among people ages 0-17, with 12 cases reported over the weekend. An additional 21 cases were reported among people ages 18-24. This increase in cases among school age children and young adults comes just nine days after the Halloween holiday. BCPH learned through case investigation that cases are connected to in-person education and through small-medium sized gatherings including, but not limited to weddings, funerals and Halloween celebrations.

“I am very concerned to see an increase in cases among some of our youngest residents as we head into colder weather, flu season and holiday celebrations. This is a critical time in the pandemic, please do your part to stop the spread of COVID-19,” stated Dr. Robert Bernstein, Butte County Health Officer. “Until there is a safe, effective, FDA approved and available vaccine, the only defense we have against COVID-19 is proper use of non-pharmaceutical interventions (of “NPIs”) – cover your mouth and nose with a mask when in public places, wash your hands with soap and water, maintain six feet of distance from others, stay home if you are sick and only attend gatherings that are in compliance with State guidance.”

#### **How will moving tiers impact businesses?**

To get a full understanding of which business sectors and activities will have to change operations if Butte County moves from Tier 3 to Tier 2, the public can visit the State’s Blueprint for activities and business tiers: [tinyurl.com/CATierFramework](https://tinyurl.com/CATierFramework)

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/](https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/)

For more information about COVID-19 in Butte County, visit: [www.buttecounty.net/COVID-19](https://www.buttecounty.net/COVID-19)

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