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Butte County to Review New State Guidance for Reopening

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – Today, the State announced reopening guidance for 12 new sectors as part of the State’s Resilience Roadmap to Reopening. This guidance includes sectors permitted to reopen Statewide and additional sectors that may reopen in counties with a local variance once approved by the local Health Officer. **The State strongly recommends reopening for these new sectors not to occur before Friday, June 12, 2020.**

Butte County also strongly recommends reopening for these new sectors not occur before June 12, 2020, in order to provide businesses and facilities time to put reopening measure in place. Butte County also recognizes that some sectors have been working on measures for some weeks, and may have them in place prior to June 12th.

The County reminds businesses that in addition to the State reopening guidance all businesses and facilities should also:

- Post a [local self-certification window placard](#) in a visible location once all reopening measures have been met.
- Require employees to wear face coverings when working in places accessible to the public when physical distancing of at least 6 feet cannot be maintained.
- Business and facilities should maintain a log, if possible, including: customer or participant name, contact information, and time of visit, that may be provided to Butte County Public Health to assist in contact tracing.

The State and Butte County will be watching metrics indicating elevated disease transmission, increasing hospitalizations, and limited hospital capacity in order to know when support and technical assistance is needed to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. The metrics include:

- Average number of test per day;
- Case rate per 100,000;
- Testing positivity percentage;
- Percent change in 3-day average of COVID-19 positive hospitalized patients;
- Percentage of ICU beds currently available; and
- Percentage of ventilators currently available

The State will monitor these metrics and engage with counties when set thresholds are exceeded. The State will release a list of counties meeting the metrics soon on their [County Monitoring List website](#). Butte County Public Health will watch these metrics closely as they replace the metrics previously published in the County’s reopening plan.

“Reopening businesses and reengaging in activities presents a risk in our communities,” said Dr. Andy Miller, Butte County Health Officer. “We feel comfortable allowing these sectors to reopen

because the metrics we are watching for cases, hospitalizations, and hospital capacity allow for it right now. We have talked with each of our hospitals and are comfortable with moving in this direction. Please remember, that more contact may move us into a place where we are not meeting those metrics, so it is critical for all businesses and individuals to follow the reopening guidance and take action to limit contacts and slow the spread of the virus.”

View statewide industry guidance: covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/. View which sectors counties have authority to reopen and which sectors, businesses, establishment and activities the State indicates are not permitted to operate at this time.

New sectors permitted to reopen Statewide:

- *Schools
- *Day camps
- Childcare (revised guidance)
- Music, film and TV Production
- Professional Sports without live audiences

New sectors permitted to reopen in Butte County because of local variance:

- *Campgrounds, RV Parks, and Outdoor Recreation
- *Hotels
- Cardrooms, Satellite Wagering Facilities and Racetracks
- Family Entertainment Centers
- Restaurants, Bars and Wineries
- Fitness Facilities
- Museums, Galleries, Zoos and Aquariums

*Note: Pools do not have a separate guidance document but are included in the day camps, schools, camping and hotel sectors.

Not permitted to reopen, as indicated by the State:

- Personal services (nail salons, tattoo parlors, spas)
- Nightclubs
- Concert venues
- Live audience sports
- Festivals
- Theme parks
- Higher Education

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