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Butte County Moves to Tier 3 (ORANGE)

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. – Butte County has moved from Tier 2 (red) to a less-restrictive Tier 3 (orange) of the State’s COVID-19 Blueprint for a Safer Economy, a shift that allows more businesses to reopen and some that are already open to increase capacity. This change in tiers is effective immediately for some business sectors in Butte County.

The data requirements to qualify for Tier 3 include a case rate of 1-3.9 cases per 100,000 residents with a test positivity rate of 2 – 4.9% or less and 2.2 – 5.2% health equity metric. The current Butte County COVID-19 case rate is 3.5 cases per 100,000 residents with a 1.8% test positivity rate and a 1.4% health equity metric.

What is the biggest change for Tier 3?

Many businesses previously allowed to open indoors at *reduced* capacity may now continue to be open indoors with *increased* capacity in Tier 3. Tier 3 also allows several business sectors to be open that have previously been closed or limited to outdoor or remote operations. Tier 3 allows for:

- Bars, breweries and distilleries: open outdoors with modifications
- Offices: open indoors with modifications, encourage telework
- Cardrooms & Satellite Wagering: open indoors with modification, max 25% capacity

What business sectors can open in Tier 3?

To get a full understanding of which business sectors and activities may change operations in Tier 3 (orange), the public can visit the State’s Blueprint for activities and business tiers: tinyurl.com/CATierFramework

What is not allowed to open in Tier 3?

- Concert Venues
- Festivals
- Live Theatre
- Nightclubs
- Saunas & Steam Rooms
- Theme Parks

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/

For more information about COVID-19 in Butte County, visit: www.buttecounty.net/COVID-19

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