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Trinity County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Advisory

TRINITY COUNTY – November 16, 2020 with the rapid rise in cases in counties throughout California, the Governor's Office and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have announced the implementation of changes to tier assignment timelines as well as additional guidance and directives.

Counties in California must now implement tier changes required for the current week of data rather than waiting two weeks to move to a more restrictive tier. This change has been implemented due to the rapidly rising COVID-19 cases in California and the trending upward of hospitalized cases.

Trinity County has moved into the most restrictive (purple) Blueprint tier due to rising test positivity rates. Our test positivity rate is 10.3% of the 427 tests completed over the past two (2) weeks and is a reliable indication of expanding community spread. All sectors in Trinity County must implement the following restrictions as provided under the Purple tier found at https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/ by close of business Tuesday November 17, 2020 (24 hours):

The following must close:

Bars

Breweries (no food served)

Concert venues

Distilleries (no food served)

Festivals

Higher Education closed for indoor lectures and student gatherings

Indoor playgrounds

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Nightclubs

Sauna's and Steam rooms

Schools that are not already open cannot open (schools that are open will remain open)

Theme Parks

Must move to Outdoor only:

Cardrooms

Churches

Cultural Ceremonies

Dance studios

Family Entertainment Centers

Gyms and fitness centers

Movie Theaters

Museums

Restaurants

Small Private Gatherings:

Are allowed outdoors only with modifications

- Masks and physical distancing required
- No more than 3 separate households attend (including the host's)
- Gatherings should be 2 hours or less
- Those with symptoms must not attend
- Those at high risk of severe illness strongly encouraged not to attend
- Singing, shouting, chanting, cheering, or exercising strongly discouraged

Temples

Weddings

Wineries

Yoga Studios

The following are allowed indoors at 25% capacity:

Bookstores

Clothing and shoe stores

Florists

Home and furnishing stores

Jewelry stores

Libraries

Retailers

Shopping Malls

Toy stores

Grocery stores/supermarkets must cap capacity at 50%.

All non-essential business and other non-essential sector workers are encouraged to work remotely when at all possible.



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Updated Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings

The updated CDPH guidance mandates that a face covering is required at all times when outside of the home with some exceptions

Individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings in the following specific settings:

- Persons in a car alone or solely with members of their own household.
- Persons who are working in an office or in a room alone.
- Persons who are actively eating or drinking provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet (6) away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.
- Persons who are outdoors and maintaining at least 6 feet of social distancing from others not in their household. Such persons must have a face covering with them at all times and must put it on if they are within 6 feet of others who are not in their household. Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
- Workers who are required to wear respiratory protection.
- Persons who are specifically exempted from wearing face coverings by other CDPH guidance.

The following individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings at all times:

- Persons younger than two years old. These very young children must not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents
 wearing a face covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom
 wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious,
 incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance. Such
 conditions are rare.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.



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Note: Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition who are employed in a job involving regular contact with others must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

The Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings can be found at https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx

Members of the public and/or businesses that wish to lodge a complaint regarding businesses and other sectors not complying with the mandates listed above:

Cal/OSHA District Office Region 2 Redding: Phone (530) 224-4743 https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/DistrictOffices.htm

Alcoholic Beverage Control Northern District Redding:

1900 Churn Creek Rd., Suite 215 Redding CA, 96002

Phone: (530) 224-4830

Email: Redding@abc.ca.gov

https://www.abc.ca.gov/contact/district-offices/

For local information and statistics or to find additional resources visit www.trinitycounty.org.