

MODIFYING STAY AT HOME ORDER

Purpose of early Statewide orders and Stay At Home Order: In early March, because of the rapidly evolving nature of Covid-19, the lack of individual awareness, and the status of health system preparedness, Governor Newsom instituted a series of orders so the entire state could (a) develop individual and community awareness and approaches to physically distance and alter daily movement practices to contain and suppress covid-19 disease; (b) prepare the health care delivery system for more sick individuals who would need care; (c) prepare with additional supplies, such as PPE, and modifications of essential services and (d) time to develop treatments and therapeutics.

Current Situation: California has shown consistent signs of statewide Covid-19 suppression in the aggregate. However, cases continue to be identified through increased testing, and hotspots do exist. Given increased awareness, stronger preparedness, stability and declines in the level of hospitalization, as well as increased ability to provide personal protective equipment to workers in essential sectors, we are gradually moving toward allowing additional sectors of the economy to open statewide and additional sectors to open in certain parts of the State. This reopening is consistent with our focus on overall community health which must balance health burdens from covid-19 disease and the morbidity and mortality related to economic and social burdens associated with a shuttered economy and education system.

Context and Approach: California began its regional variance process on May 7th. Allowing this initial approach to move forward for approximately 10-14 days allowed the state and counties to see the early impact of these modifications to the statewide stay at home order. Anticipating the need and appropriateness of allowing additional counties to control the focus of restrictions for their own jurisdictions, the state public health leaders propose allowing additional counties to be eligible for a modified variance process.

Plan: To add a second variance process. The new process will be similar to the first variance process. To qualify a county must attest to:

- Stable or down trending hospitalizations, cases per population count and test positivity rate;
 - Stable hospitalizations on a 7-day average of daily percent change of less than 5%; **or** ... no more than 20 hospitalizations on any single day over the past 14 days
 - 14-day cumulative positive incidence of less than 25 per 100,000; **or** ... testing positivity over the past 7 days of less than 8%. (Prison inmate cases are excluded from calculations. Staff in State and Federal facilities, as well as inmates, detainees, and staff in county facilities must continue to be included in the calculations)
- A significant level of preparedness with testing, contact tracing, PPE and hospital surge, and planning for SNF disease outbreak prevention and containment.
 - Testing capacity (unchanged from Variance 1 ("V1"))
 - Minimum daily testing capacity to test 1.5 per 1,000 residents
 - Testing availability for at least 75% of residents

- Contact tracing (unchanged from V1)
 - At least 15 staff per 100,000 county population trained and available for contact tracing
- Hospital surge (unchanged from V1):
 - hospital capacity to accommodate a minimum surge of 35% of their baseline average daily census.
- SNF disease outbreak prevention and containment:
 - Plans to prevent and mitigate infections in skilled nursing facilities
 - SNFs have more than 14-day supply of PPE on hand for staff, with established process for ongoing procurement.
- Producing plans related to county-wide containment, including testing, contact tracing, vulnerable populations, congregate settings, acute care surge, and essential workforce

Timeline for 2nd variance announcement: Accept 2nd variance attestations beginning 5/18. This would allow for approximately 10-14 days, the covid-19 incubation period, between the initiation of the 1st variance process and this 2nd variance process.

Timeline for Release of Sector Guidelines AND Additional Statewide Sectors: All decisions will be guided by the data, but for planning purposes, if COVID 19 stabilizations and preparedness continues, the following may be anticipated:

5/18: New Sectors Open STATEWIDE

1. Places of worship as office spaces for employees, and religious counselling (subject to parameters that restrict gatherings);
2. Curbside libraries (must follow retail guidelines);
3. Drive-in movie theaters (must follow retail guidelines)

Next steps on sector openings

LOCAL VARIANCE: We're preparing to open some more sectors *gradually* in counties with variance and will issue additional guidance on the following in the coming weeks:

- a. Barbering and hair salons
- b. Film and TV
- c. Places of worship
- d. Cardrooms
- e. Camps and schools

TRIBES:

In the coming weeks, the state will work in partnership with Tribal governments on guidelines and parameters to open Casinos in counties with variance.

COUNTIES DECIDE:

Pro-sports. The state will issue guidance in the coming weeks. Decisions on opening pro-sports (no live audience) will be deferred to counties for further work with their local business partners.