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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY MOVED TO ORANGE TIER

Santa Cruz County, Calif. – Based on improved test positivity and case rates, the California Department of Public Health has moved Santa Cruz County into the Orange Tier in its Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

Beginning today, previously opened sectors such as restaurants, places of worship, movie theaters and museums may increase indoor operations to 50 percent of capacity. Retail establishments may now open at full capacity. Please refer to sector-specific guidance at <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy> for information on safe operations for staff and members of the public.

Bars, breweries and distilleries may resume outdoor operations, wineries may resume indoor operations at 25 percent capacity or 100 people (whichever is fewer), and gyms and fitness centers may increase indoor capacity from 10 percent to 25 percent.

Previously restricted sectors such as amusement parks, family entertainment centers, non-essential offices and live-audience sports may open with modifications. Please refer to sector-specific guidance for details.

Although movement to the Orange Tier is a sign of reduced disease transmission in the community, COVID-19 cases are rising nationally and are expected to increase locally as we move into the winter. Residents are advised to continue wearing face coverings, practicing social distancing and avoiding gathering in large groups.

For more information on the State framework, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy>.

For local information on COVID-19, go to www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus, call 211 or text "COVID19" to 211211. Residents may also call (831) 454-4242 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.