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### Calaveras County Closure of Businesses Due to COVID-19

On July 13, 2020, Governor Newsom announced the statewide closure of the following businesses because of statewide increases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and intensive care unit utilization:

- All brewpubs, breweries, bars and pubs (indoor and outdoor)
- Dine-in restaurants (indoor)
- Wineries and tasting rooms (indoor)
- Family entertainment centers (indoor)
- Movie theaters (indoor)
- Zoos and museums (indoor)
- Card rooms (indoor)

These actions are in effect until further notice and these closures apply to local guests, tourists and other visitors. Outdoor operations may be conducted under a tent, canopy, or other sun shelter, but only as long as the sides are not closed and there is sufficient outdoor air movement. All indoor operations for the businesses on the closure list are prohibited and activities like check-in should be relocated outdoors. The exception is restroom access. Restrooms may be indoors, however, face coverings are required and physical distancing protocols should be enforced.

“In our experience, most businesses want to do the right thing, so we start by making sure the business understands the restrictions,” said Dr. Kelaita. All industry or sector guidance documents that have been issued to date, including all infectious control measures outlined in those guidance documents, including the use of face coverings, which is mandated statewide apply in outdoor settings, and thus must be adhered to.

In an effort to control the spread of COVID-19 the State has developed data metrics that they monitor for each county. These metrics track local disease transmissions rates, hospitalizations, testing, etc. The State monitors each county’s data and places those

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counties not meeting the data standards on the County Monitoring List. Counties on the County Monitoring List receive targeted engagement and technical support from the California Department of Public Health and are required to close certain additional businesses for a specified amount of time.

“Currently, Calaveras is not currently on the monitoring list,” said Dr. Dean Kelaita, Calaveras County Health Officer. “However, one metric that we have to keep a close eye on, given we’ve had a significant increase in cases recently, is what’s called the case rate. It’s the number of new COVID-19 cases in a given population. We want to stay below 100 new cases per 100,000 population in the last 14 days. To keep us below the state’s requirements, people must continue to stay home as much as they can, avoid crowded places, confined spaces, and close contact with people not from your household,” said Dr. Kelaita.

Information about closures can be found on the State’s website at:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Closure-of-Sectors-in-Response-to-COVID-19.aspx>

Additionally, guidance for each sector should continue to be implemented for all outdoor activities. Guidance documents can be found here:

<https://www.covid19.calaverasgov.us>

General questions on COVID-19 can be directed to Calaveras Public Health at (209) 754-6460. To receive information and resources related to COVID-19 visit the Calaveras County COVID-19 website at <https://covid19.calaverasgov.us>. Follow Calaveras Public Health on Facebook [www.facebook.com/calaveraspublichealth](http://www.facebook.com/calaveraspublichealth)