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Stanislaus County Approves Public Health's Attestation to State for a Local Variance of Reopening

Stanislaus County, CA – Stanislaus County Public Health and the Board of Supervisors (BOS) met today to approve the submittal of an attestation to advance into Expanded Stage 2 of Reopening. A Letter of Support for the Attestation of Readiness was prepared by the Stanislaus County Public Health Officer to meet the Governor's Readiness Criteria for a Local Variance. In a 5-0 vote, the BOS approved the attestation that demonstrates Stanislaus County's readiness for loosening restrictions in the community and reopening certain businesses based on public health criteria set forth by the State.

"Stanislaus County has made progress in flattening the curve and our data shows that we are now prepared to begin reopening safely and responsibly," said Dr. Julie Vaishampayan. "We are now advocating and attesting to the State that Stanislaus County is ready to move forward."

Public Health presented information to the BOS regarding the state variance process, which would allow the expedited Stage 2 reopening of certain businesses in Stanislaus County, including dine-in restaurants with modifications. Governor Newsom has stated that he wants to work collaboratively with counties, and Stanislaus County looks forward to working with his office in this process.

"Our Board supports Dr. Vaishampayan's recommendation that our County's COVID-19 data and level of preparedness warrants a broader re-opening of our local economy," said Kristin Olsen, Chairperson for Stanislaus County BOS. "We have worked with our public health experts, hospitals, and other partners to ensure we have adequate resources in place to continue protecting public health as we move to re-open more businesses and activities. Data and science demonstrate that this is the right thing to do for our community. Waiting any longer puts the health, safety, and economic well-being of our residents at risk."

Stanislaus County Public Health continues to work closely with all our partners in the Emergency Operations Center to address the COVID-19 pandemic through guidance provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health, and other partners.

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