

## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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## **Stanislaus County Remains in Red Tier Pending CDPH Adjudication Process**

**Stanislaus County** - Stanislaus County has submitted its intent to request Tier Adjudication through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), a process of reconsideration of tier assignment based on information to be provided by the County. Stanislaus County disagrees that the qualitative and contextual elements of the local status of COVID-19 are correctly represented by the current metrics measured by the CDPH. During adjudication, the County will remain in the current (red) tier. Stanislaus County will be assigned to the tier determined by the CDPH no later than Tuesday 11/17/20.

"It is our intent to create an opportunity for dialogue to encourage using our local data and circumstances to drive appropriate mitigation restrictions" said Mary Ann Lilly, Stanislaus County Health Services Agency Managing Director. "We want to protect our community, preserve healthcare capacity, while supporting economic sectors and activities, that with proper precautions, can operate safely."

The State Public Health Officer will review and approve the final decision. CDPH will also post a summary of the final decision on their "County Tier Adjudication Requests and CDPH Determination" webpage after the county tier adjudication request package and discussion between State and local officials are complete. If the CPDH determines that it is necessary that Stanislaus County be reassigned to the purple tier, the County will have three days, beginning the Wednesday after tier assignments are announced on Tuesdays, to implement any sector changes or closures. Residents and businesses can view the status of allowable activities and operations on the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy webpage.

Public Health encourages all residents to get tested. Testing helps identify people who are infected with COVID-19 so they can take actions to stop the spread to their family, friends, coworkers, and community. Anyone, with or without symptoms can take a free test from a county or state-run site. The best ways for residents to protect themselves and those around them is by continuing to wear face coverings, giving a safe space of six feet to others, washing hands frequently with soap and water, and gathering safely by following California Department of Public Health Guidance for Private Gatherings.

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