What is the Blueprint for a Safer Economy?
On August 28, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom introduced the Blueprint for a Safer Economy to become effective at 12:01 AM on Monday, August 31, 2020. Every county in California has been assigned to a tier based on two metrics: the number of new cases per 100,000 residents and the testing positivity rate, or percentage of tests that come back positive. Counties must also meet an equity metric and/or demonstrate targeted investments to eliminate disparities in levels of transmission. At a minimum, counties must remain in their current tier for at least three weeks before moving forward. Data is reviewed weekly and tiers are generally updated every Tuesday. To move forward, a county must meet the next tier’s criteria for two consecutive weeks. If a county’s metrics worsen for two consecutive weeks, it may be considered for a more restrictive tier.

The four tiers in order of most restrictive to least restrictive are:

- Tier 1: Widespread (Purple)
- Tier 2: Substantial (Red)
- Tier 3: Moderate (Orange)
- Tier 4: Minimal (Yellow)


For more information on the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, including State Frequently Asked Questions, visit: https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/

What tier is Napa County assigned to?
Effective November 16, 2020, Napa County is in Tier 1: Widespread (Purple). This means that certain business will need to close or scale back to outdoor only operations by the start of business on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. While this document will address some specific business sectors, to see the status of additional business sectors or activity in Napa County, visit: https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/
At what point will Napa County be able to return to a less restrictive tier?
Every county in California has been assigned to a tier based on two metrics: the number of new cases per 100,000 residents and the testing positivity rate, or percentage of tests that come back positive. Counties must also meet an equity metric and/or demonstrate targeted investments to eliminate disparities in levels of transmission. Data is normally reviewed weekly and tiers are updated every Tuesday, although as of November 16, 2020, assignments may occur any day of the week and may occur more than once a week when CDPH determines that the most recent reliable data indicate that immediate action is needed. There is a lag in data from the County to the State and the data posted each week by the State is often 7-10 days in arrears.

During the weekly assessment, if a county’s adjusted case rate and/or test positivity has fallen within a less restrictive tier for three or more consecutive weekly periods, the State will consider moving a county to a less restrictive tier. At this time, the soonest Napa County could move to a less restrictive tier is mid-December.

Are gatherings allowed?
Since Napa County is in the Purple Tier, no indoor gathering should occur (attendees may go inside to use the restroom only as long as the restrooms are frequently sanitized). Outdoor gatherings that include more than three (3) households are prohibited. It is mandatory that households that gather remain stable over time. Face coverings must be worn, physical distancing maintained, and the outdoor gathering should be two hours or less.

If multiple such gatherings are occurring in a public park or other outdoor space, mixing between group gatherings is not allowed. Additionally, multiple gatherings of three households cannot be jointly organized or coordinated to occur in the same public space–this would constitute a gathering exceeding the permitted size.

Complete guidance on the mandatory requirements for outdoor gatherings is now available on the County’s COVID-19 website under “Key Information” and can be found here: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-for-the-Prevention-of-COVID-19-Transmission-for-Gatherings-November-2020.aspx.

Private or public parties at venues, whether indoor or outdoor, are not allowed.

What does this mean for Thanksgiving celebrations?
Since Napa County is in the Purple Tier, Thanksgiving festivities be held outdoors and include no more than three (3) households. Face coverings should be worn when not eating, physical distancing maintained, and the outdoor gathering should be two hours or less.
Can restaurants remain open for indoor operations in Napa County?
No, restaurants may only operate outdoors or for takeout service only. Physical distancing of at least six feet between tables is required and staff should wear face coverings at all times. Patrons should wear face coverings when not eating or drinking.

Restrooms and staff workspaces may remain indoors.

Can wineries remain open for indoor operations in Napa County?
No, wineries may only operate outdoors. Physical distancing of at least six feet between tables is required and staff should wear face coverings at all times. Patrons should wear face coverings when not eating or drinking.

Restrooms and staff workspaces may remain indoors.

Can stand-alone tasting rooms remain open for indoor operations in Napa County?
No indoor operations are allowed. If “sit down dine-in meals” are served in the same transaction in which alcohol is sold, then a tasting room qualifies as a “dine-in restaurant” and can open outdoors only.

If “sit down dine-in meals” are not served, then both indoor and outdoor operations must cease.

Are businesses allowed to use tents outdoors to operate?
Yes, a tent may be used for outdoor operations as long three sides remain fully open. A tent that offers a “roof” and one “wall” is still considered “outdoors.”

Can breweries, brewpubs and bars open for indoor or outdoor operations in Napa County?
Indoor operations are not allowed. If “sit down dine-in meals” are served in the same transaction in which alcohol is sold, then a brewery, brewpub or bar qualifies as a “dine-in restaurant” and can operate outdoors only. State guidance for dine-in restaurants must be strictly followed.
Can gyms, fitness studios and dance studios operate indoors in Napa County?
No, because Napa County is in the Purple Tier these activities may only occur outdoors.

Can family entertainment centers and movie theaters remain open for indoor operations in Napa County?
No, family entertainment centers and movie theaters may operate outdoors only with proper physical distancing and other modifications.

Can cardrooms remain open for indoor operations in Napa County?
No, cardrooms may operate outdoors only with proper physical distancing and other modifications.

What personal services may continue indoor operations?
Hair salons, barbers, nail salons, massage therapy, tattoo parlors and other personal services may remain open for indoor operations with strict adherence to state guidance and with appropriate modifications. Sauna and steam rooms must remain closed.

Can retail operations continue indoors?
Yes, retail operations may continue with strict adherence to state guidance and with appropriate modifications. Capacity is limited to 25% under the Purple Tier.

Can non-essential offices continue indoor operations?
Non-essential offices should close indoor operations. Employees should work remotely.

Can hotels, inns, and other lodging operate at this time?
Yes, hotels, inns and other lodging may operate at this time with strict adherence to state guidance.

Physical distancing and face covering protocols are required. Amenities like bars, saunas and steam rooms must stay closed. Indoor fitness centers and pools must close. Dining operations must follow the capacity limitations and modifications noted above for restaurants.

Can campgrounds operate at this time?
Yes, campgrounds may operate at this time with strict adherence to State guidance.

Physical distancing protocols, including wearing a face covering indoors in common areas and
outdoors when six feet of distance from non-household members cannot be achieved, are required.

**Are in-person residential real estate viewings allowed?**
Residential viewings are limited to scheduled property viewings to a potential buying party, as set forth by the State. Virtual showings should be utilized whenever possible.

**Where can I find the guidance I should be following to continue business operations?**
Businesses that are allowed to open are required to, at a minimum, meet the posted State of California standards, and may follow best management practices that exceed State standards.

In the event that the State of California expressly permits a business sector to reopen but does not provide guidance, Napa County will develop and post guidance to allow the sector to reopen safely. When guidance is released from the State of California, it will be posted on the County’s website and will be the controlling guidance that should be followed.

The standards and guidance can be found at the County’s website at [https://www.countyofnapa.org/2840/Industry-Guidance](https://www.countyofnapa.org/2840/Industry-Guidance). If guidance is not available for a specific industry, these businesses should not reopen. Best management practices prepared by local Chambers of Commerce can also be found at the County’s website. [https://www.countyofnapa.org/2840/Industry-Guidance](https://www.countyofnapa.org/2840/Industry-Guidance)

**Is there anything I need to do in order to establish I am meeting the State standards?**
Yes. Businesses that allowed to operate are required to: 1) prepare and post the Checklist for your business type (if applicable); and 2) prepare and post your Social Distancing Protocol as required by the County’s Shelter-at-Home order.

The Social Distancing Protocol can be found in Appendix A of the County’s current Shelter-at-Home Order at: [https://www.countyofnapa.org/2813/Shelter-at-Home-Order](https://www.countyofnapa.org/2813/Shelter-at-Home-Order)

**Are face coverings required?**
On June 18, 2020, the State of California issued new face covering requirements. In general, face coverings are required indoors in all buildings open to the public, when waiting in line to access a public building, and outdoors when six feet of distance cannot be maintained from those not in your household. There are exclusions, like when eating and drinking, or when you are engaged in outdoor activities, and there are exceptions for certain populations, like young children or people who have conditions that make it harder to breathe. For more information
on face covering requirements, visit: https://www.countyofnapa.org/2813/Shelter-at-Home-Order.

In addition, the State has revised its guidance for open business sectors to include the face-covering requirement. Please check for updated guidance in your sector to see what is required.

**Can faith-based services continue indoors?**
No, places of worship and faith based services may occur outdoors only with proper physical distancing protocols and in compliance with State guidance.

**Can residential cleaning and repair services continue at this time?**
Yes, residential cleaning, repair and maintenance may continue as long as physical distancing and face covering protocols are followed.

**Is this Health Order mandatory or is it just guidance?**
This Order is mandatory. All persons and other entities are required to comply if they do not fall within the exemptions that are specified in the Order.

**What happens if my business does not comply with the requirements?**
State and local health orders are issued under the authority of law. Failure to comply with the health orders is both a misdemeanor and a public health nuisance. The County tries to secure cooperation with education about the requirements and may help you figure out ways your business can come into compliance. Repeat violators, however, may be subject to one or more administrative citations, fines and penalties, a civil action, a restraining order, and may even be required to pay the County’s enforcement costs and attorneys’ fees. A misdemeanor is a criminal offense that is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. The County does not want any business to face penalties, but it is critical for everyone to follow the health orders to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect themselves, their loved ones, friends, neighbors, and the whole community.

**Are swimming pools able to remain open?**
Yes, public and semi-private (i.e. homeowners associations) swimming pools are permitted subject to the rules of the facility/association, proper maintenance including disinfection, and adherence to physical distancing protocols. Outdoor pools are addressed in the State’s campground and outdoor recreation guidance: https://www.countyofnapa.org/2840/Industry-
Guidance. Indoor pools at gyms and hotels must close.

Private residential pools may only be used by the members of the household. Gatherings with more than three (3) households, are not permitted under State’s Stay At Home Order.

Can businesses make reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities?
Yes, provided the accommodation does not require knowingly jeopardizing the health or safety or others. In addition, a business cannot deny services to a customer who falls within an exception to the mask requirement, although a business may be able to provide its service in a different manner.

I still have questions, whom should I contact?
Businesses are encouraged to work with and through their local Chamber of Commerce or industry group to answer questions. Questions for the County can be emailed to coronavirus@countyofnapa.org. Questions or concerns about physical distancing, face covering, or hygiene practices at any business or facility should be raised directly to the manager.