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COVID 19 and Youth Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Updates in Red

These Frequently Asked Questions apply to youth under the age of 18.

Can shared equipment at parks and playgrounds be reopened for public use?

Yes, if the entity who owns or manages the park or playground wants to reopen such shared equipment it may do so. For everyone's health and safety, anyone using such shared equipment is advised to follow proper sanitation protocols before or after use.

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 population and the testing positivity rate. At a minimum, counties must remain in a tier for at least three weeks before moving forward. Data is reviewed weekly and tiers are updated every Tuesday starting on September 8. If a county's metrics worsen for two consecutive weeks, it will revert to 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)

Napa County has been assigned to Tier 2 (Red). The tier status will be effective on Monday, August 31, 2020.



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

How do schools fit in to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy?

Schools in counties assigned to Tier 1: Widespread (Purple) are not permitted to reopen for in-person instruction, unless they receive a waiver from their local health department for TK-6 grades.

Schools in Tier 2 (Red) are eligible to reopen for in-person instruction once their county has been in Tier 2 for two weeks with strict adherence to state guidelines.

Please contact your school or school district with questions.

The Governor has talked about a waiver process for elementary schools to apply to operate in-person. How does this work? Will Napa County be considering waivers?

Napa County is currently Tier 2 (Red). According to the State of California, only Tier 1 (Purple) counties may implement a waiver process. If Napa County remains in Tier 2 for two weeks, schools will be eligible to reopen for in-person instruction.

Please contact your school or school district with specific questions regarding a school's plan for waiver application.

Is childcare able to operate?

Childcare, particularly for essential workers, may operate in accordance with State guidance for childcare. Industry guidance can be found here:

<https://www.countyofnapa.org/2840/Industry-Guidance>



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What is the definition of childcare?

The State of California has deemed childcare an essential service for the purposes of distance learning, provision of school meals, and the care or supervision of minors to support essential workers across all sectors. Childcare entities are typically licensed or deemed licensee exempt by the State of California. For information on childcare licensure requirements, please visit: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/child-care-licensing>

Are “learning pods” permitted?

Yes, learning pods or educational cohorts may be established. Learning cohorts are stable groups of no more than 14 children and two supervising adults in a supervised environment in which the supervising adults and children stay together for ALL activities and avoid contact with those outside the group. More information on educational cohorts can be found here: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/small-groups-child-youth.aspx>

What about children’s lessons like martial arts, dance lessons, music lessons, etc.?

The State of California recently released clarifying guidance on Summer Camps (July 29, 2020) and Youth Sports (August 3, 2020). The Youth Sports guidance links physical activity and lessons to the Indoor Gyms and Fitness Studios guidance. These activities include but are not limited to swimming lessons, dance lessons, equestrian lessons, yoga, physical training and conditioning, etc. Effective August 31, 2020, gyms and fitness studios may open for indoor services at maximum of 10% capacity and in strict compliance with State guidance. The State has not defined what it means by “capacity,” but the County understands it as the occupancy of the gym or fitness studio that was approved by the city or county building department.

Lessons that involve singing and/or chanting or shared equipment are not permitted at this time.

Can my child participate in organized recreational sports, including team practice?

Outdoor youth sports is allowed for youth and adults as long as guidance for physical distancing is adhered to and shared equipment is advised to follow proper sanitation protocols before or after use. Person-to-person contact sports are still prohibited.