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Next Phases of Reopening a 2-Step Process

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Lake County, CA (June 2, 2020) – This morning, in a letter to public health officials and government leaders, State Public Health Officer, Sonia Y. Angell, MD, MPH, shared that reopening of additional sectors will employ a two-step process:

“A variance county can elect to open a given sector so long as (1) the State has issued guidance for how a given sector can reopen and (2) the local health officer has provided approval for that sector to open in that locality. If the state has not yet released guidance for a sector, then that sector cannot yet be opened.”

Many will recall Lake County’s Local Variance Attestation went into effect Wednesday, May 20, so we are a “variance county,” for the purposes of this guidance. We are now in the early phase of Stage 3 of the Governor’s Resilience Roadmap. When the State provides further guidance for a sector of the business community, as Public Health Officer, I will determine if the health situation in Lake County is stable enough to allow relaxation of the restrictions. As Dr. Angell stated, short guidance from the State, local jurisdictions cannot reopen business sectors.

State Officials had previously expressed optimism guidelines for reopening gyms and fitness centers would be issued as soon as yesterday (6/1). No timeline for release of guidance on additional sectors was provided in this morning’s letter.

As of this writing, the following sectors are closed statewide:

- Bars and nightclubs
- Entertainment venues
- Gyms and fitness studios
- Public events and gatherings
- Convention centers
- Nail salons

Additionally, non-essential travel remains prohibited. Traditional lodging operations, such as hotels, and non-traditional lodging facilities, such as vacation rentals facilitated by websites like Airbnb, should only be employed to serve front-line medical personnel, isolate those with COVID-19 or associated risk

factors, and for other allowable purposes. In Lake County, lodging must be approved by the Health Services Department, and requests can be routed to MHOAC@lakecountyca.gov or 707-263-8174.

Lake County has permitted reopening of hair salons and barbershops, ahead of some other California Counties, and indoor dining at local restaurants is anticipated to resume this Thursday, June 4.

More information on which sectors are open or closed statewide and can be found here:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>

Sector-specific reopening guidance can be found here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>

If you review this information and still have questions, reach out to County of Lake Health Services staff, at MHOAC@lakecountyca.gov or 707-263-8174.