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COVID-19 Update: Lake County's Case Rate Continues to Improve *Red Tier a Possibility as Soon as Wednesday, March 17*

Lake County, CA (March 12, 2021) — Last week, I reported the State was expecting to implement changes to their Blueprint for a Safer Economy Framework once we hit 2 million doses administered in California's most vulnerable communities. Changes will include expansion of the Red Tier to 10 cases per 100,000, up from 7. At last report (Wednesday, 3/10), we had reached 1.93 million doses in communities in the lowest 25% of the California Healthy Places Index. An announcement we have eclipsed 2 million may come as soon as today.

WHAT DOES THE CHANGING BLUEPRINT MEAN FOR LAKE COUNTY? RED TIER POSSIBLE AS SOON AS WEDNESDAY, 3/17

Lake County's case rate was 11/100,000 on March 2, and 9/100,000 March 9. Yesterday, we reached 7.5 cases/100,000. It is possible the State could determine us eligible for the Red Tier as soon as next Tuesday, 3/16, in which case activities in the Red Tier may be permitted as soon as Wednesday (3/17), including:

- In-person instruction for grades 7-12 (most Lake County schools in this category are expected to move to Hybrid models with some on-site instruction the Monday following our advancement to the Red Tier)
- Indoor dining, movie theaters and museums at 25% capacity
- Indoor gyms at 10% capacity

Full grid of services eligible by Tier (*Updated to reflect expanded Red Tier*):

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September_2020.pdf

Also, the State announced yesterday Breweries, Wineries and Distilleries that do not serve meals can reopen for outdoor service, only (in the Red and Purple Tiers) as of tomorrow, March 13. Reservations are required. Customers can be served for 90 minutes, and final service time must be 8pm.

Guidance: <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-wineries--en.pdf>

Checklist: <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/checklist-wineries--en.pdf>

All California Department Public Health (CDPH) Guidance documents are collected at:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cid/dcdc/pages/guidance.aspx>.

VACCINE DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

We expect to receive 2,000-3,000 doses in each of the next few weeks. Over 10,000 Lake County residents have received at least one dose, per State data, and this does not fully include the 1,500+ doses administered by Lake County Tribal Health Consortium, for example.

For next week, appointments will still be scheduled at <http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/Vaccines.htm>. Links for March 15 and 16 are available now. People with qualifying medical conditions are eligible as of Monday (3/15). A list of eligible conditions and CDPH's most current detailed eligibility Guidance are available at these links:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineAllocationGuidelines.aspx>

CHANGES TO CLINIC SCHEDULE COMING MARCH 22

Monday, March 22, we will switch to one clinic day in Lakeport and 3 days in Clearlake. More detail on this will be announced next week.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION: WHAT HAPPENS TO “EXTRA DOSES” AT THE END OF VACCINE CLINIC DAYS?

Unfilled appointments do not mean extra doses are available; we bring only doses sufficient to cover scheduled appointments. Occasionally, we have the remainder of one opened vial at the end of the day. We have always contacted people from a waiting list (e.g. someone in a previously served tier that initially chose not to be vaccinated) to use these doses. None are wasted.

LOOKING AHEAD - MY TURN PLATFORM TO BECOME STANDARD, STATEWIDE

The State will soon require all Counties use their MyTurn appointment scheduling system. At the appropriate timing, we will provide detailed instructions for Lake County residents. For those interested in looking ahead, this Press Release from the California Department of Public Health has valuable information:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-066.aspx>

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