



# Living with COVID-19

## GUIDANCE FOR STATE COLOR TIER SYSTEM

### State of California Blueprint for a Safer Economy

#### What's Changed

### WIDESPREAD

On August 31, 2020, the State of California implemented a new **Color Tier System** to help track the loosening and tightening of restrictions by county. **Sonoma County is in the Purple Tier for Widespread.** The following has changed:

- **Hair salons/barber shops** can operate indoors with modifications
- **Indoor shopping malls** may open at a maximum 25% capacity. Food courts and common areas remain closed
- **Retail stores** (clothing, books, jewelry, etc.) may open at a maximum 25% capacity with modifications
- **Grocery stores** may open at a maximum 50% capacity with modifications

#### What you NEED to know

- Purple "Widespread" Tier is the **most restrictive** of the four tiers
- A county will remain in a tier for a **minimum of three weeks** before being able to advance to a later tier.
- A county can only move forward **one tier at a time**, even if metrics qualify for a more advanced tier.
- As of August 31, 2020, the **County of Sonoma is in alignment with State Public Health Orders**, but may restrict County Public Health Orders if needed.

#### Update Safety Plan

Update required **Appendix A Safety Plan** to reflect modifications. Below are a few items that must be included in your plan. View full Appendix A requirements at [SoCoLaunch.org](http://SoCoLaunch.org)

- Space all service tables a minimum of six feet apart
- Provide signage regarding physical distancing protocol
- Ensure appropriate face coverings are used by all employees
- Separate order areas from pickup and delivery to prevent customers from gathering
- Reduce employee interaction by reducing overlapping shifts
- Discontinue self-serve operations
- Require all employees perform a self-check for Covid-19 symptoms before reporting to work site
- All employees should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently
- When possible, utilize "Contactless" payment methods
- Develop restroom occupancy plans

For businesses located in an incorporated city, **check with your city for compliance guidelines and permits needed** for reopening and expanding services.

For a **complete list of local and state guidelines**, view the resources listed below:



[covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/](http://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/)  
[covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/](http://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/)



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