



Legislation Text

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Receive an update from Dr. Bela Matyas, Public Health Officer, and Terry Schmidtbauer, Interim Director of Resource Management, regarding the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic emergency response efforts and current status of statewide guidance and take action based on staff recommendations

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board receive an update from Dr. Bela Matyas, Public Health Officer, and Terry Schmidtbauer, Interim Director of Resource Management, regarding the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic emergency response efforts and current status of statewide guidance.

For information, updates and resources on COVID-19, please visit the Solano County Public Health web page at www.SolanoCounty.com/COVID19 <<http://www.SolanoCounty.com/COVID19>>.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On August 28, 2020, Governor Newsom unveiled a new plan for regulating activities in relation to COVID-19 transmission throughout the State with revised criteria for loosening and tightening restrictions on activities. The new plan, Blueprint for a Safer Economy, imposes risk-based restrictions on sectors across the State and expands the time between the changes. Every county in California is assigned to a tier based on its testing positivity and adjusted case rate using metrics from the prior three weeks. The plan creates a four colored tier system with Purple (widespread), Red (substantial), Orange (moderate) and Yellow (minimal) - based on how prevalent COVID-19 is in each county and the extent of community spread.

The metrics are updated by the State weekly to show county tier status, date of tier assignment, number of consecutive weeks meeting the next tier's criteria, case rates, adjusted case rate for tier assignment, testing positivity, and test rates.

Solano County moved from the Purple (widespread) Tier to the Red (substantial) Tier on September 21, 2020. The County has been in this current tier for six weeks. However, due to a recent spike in case rate across Solano County, there is the possibility that the County could move back to the more restrictive Purple Tier. Solano County Public Health is addressing the rising number of cases by increasing outreach efforts and partnerships with community-based and faith-based organizations that serve hard-to-reach communities, and closely monitoring the County's case rate and other criteria set by the State for determining a county's movement to a lessor or more restrictive tier assignment.

Additionally, a new health equity metric took effect on October 6, 2020. In order to advance to the next less restrictive tier, each county will need to meet an equity metric or demonstrate targeted investments to eliminate disparities in levels of COVID-19 transmission. The California Health Equity Metric is designed to help guide counties in their continuing efforts to reduce COVID-19 among Californians who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

For more information about the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy and to find the reopening status of

businesses in Solano County, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy>.

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