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## **San Benito County Advances to Tier 2 of State Blueprint for a Safer Economy Framework** ***Graduation from Tier 1 leads to more reopening of business sectors***

**Hollister, CA** – The state of California today announced good news in the [local fight](#) against the coronavirus as indoor restaurants, gyms, movie theaters, tattoo studios and places of worship may now open with restrictions in San Benito County. Based on recent local coronavirus metrics, the State of California- effective immediately downgrades the risk level assigned to San Benito County from "widespread" to "substantial" which will allow more doors to open in businesses and schools.

On August 28, the state introduced its [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), a four-tier framework by which counties are measured for loosening and tightening restrictions on social activities and business operations. San Benito County was placed in Tier 1, or purple status to notify "widespread" risk, with the most severe restrictions.

The Red-Tier 2 also gets schools one step closer to supporting in-person learning, but it will continue to be a gradual process. Nine local schools already have Public Health Officer permission to reopen, through a special waiver. Visit the San Benito County Office of Education's [website](#) for more reopening details.

### **The primary changes allowed under the state order as San Benito moves into Tier 2, or red status:**

- [Retail establishments](#) (except standalone grocers) are permitted to open indoors at 50% capacity
- [Indoor malls](#) are permitted to open at 50% capacity
- [Personal care services](#) like tattoo, piercing, body waxing, and esthetician services are permitted to open indoors
- [Museums](#) are permitted to open indoors with 25% capacity
- [Places of worship](#) are permitted open with 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- [Movie theaters](#) are permitted to open indoors with 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- [Gyms and Fitness Centers](#)-including Hotel Fitness Centers are permitted to open indoors with 10% capacity
- [Restaurants](#) are permitted to open indoors with 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer

### **There are no changes to the following sectors:**

- Bars, Breweries, and Distilleries (where no meal provided)- Closed
- Family Entertainment Centers- Outdoor only
- Offices- Remote Work
- Professional Sports- without live audiences

All open businesses must following the appropriate [industry guidance](#) to create a safer environment for workers and patrons, prepare a plan, and post the industry checklist in your workplace to show customers and employees that you've reduced the risk and are open for business.

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Sectors of business can progressively open more operations as the county moves up the tier list, following the allowances of the state for each tier, if San Benito County continues to make progress against COVID-19. A county must spend at least 21 days in any tier before advancing to a less restrictive one. Most notably, counties will have to tighten back up if conditions worsen.

The reopening of sectors of the economy will increase travel and interaction among people. Public health officials urge everyone to continue to follow [health and safety guidelines](#) and to avoid large gatherings of any kind.

**Additional information about the Blueprint:**

- [Find the status of activities in your county](#)
- [Understand which activities and businesses are open in the four tiers \(PDF\)](#)

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SECTORS	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
<b>Critical Infrastructure</b>	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications
<b>Limited Services</b>	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications
<b>Outdoor Playgrounds &amp; Outdoor Recreational Facilities **</b>	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications
<b>Hair Salons &amp; Barbershops</b>	Open Indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications
<b>All Retail</b> (including critical infrastructure, except standalone grocers)	Open Indoors with modifications • Max 25% capacity	Open Indoors with modifications • Max 50% capacity	Open Indoors with modifications	Open Indoors with modifications
<b>Shopping Centers (Malls, Destination Centers, Swap Meets)</b>	Open Indoors with modifications • Max 25% capacity • Closed common areas • Closed food courts	Open indoors with modifications • Max 50% capacity • Closed common areas • Reduced capacity food courts (see restaurants)	Open indoors with modifications • Closed common areas • Reduced capacity food courts (see restaurants)	Open Indoors with modifications • Reduced capacity food courts (see restaurants)

SECTORS	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
<b>Nail Salons*</b>	Open Indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications
<b>Personal Care Services</b>	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications
<b>Museums, Zoos, and aquariums</b>	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor activities max 25% capacity</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor activities max 50% capacity</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications
<b>Places of Worship</b>	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 50% capacity</li> </ul>
<b>Movie theaters</b>	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open Indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 50% capacity</li> </ul>

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<b>Hotels and lodging</b>	Open with modifications	Open with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Fitness centers (+10%)</li> </ul>	Open with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Fitness centers (+25%)</li> <li>+Indoor pools</li> </ul>	Open with modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Fitness Centers (50%)</li> <li>+Spa facilities etc</li> </ul>
<b>Gyms and Fitness Centers</b>	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 10% capacity</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 25% capacity</li> <li>+indoor pools</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Saunas</li> <li>+Spas</li> <li>+Steam rooms</li> <li>Max 50% capacity</li> </ul>
<b>Restaurants</b>	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 50% capacity</li> </ul>
<b>Wineries</b>	Outdoor Only with modifications	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 25% capacity indoors, or 100 people, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max 50% capacity or 200 people indoors, whichever is fewer</li> </ul>

SECTORS	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
<b>Bars, Breweries, and Distilleries</b> (where no meal provided) (follow restaurants where meal is provided)	Closed	Closed	Open Outdoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 50% capacity</li> </ul>
<b>Family Entertainment Centers</b>	Outdoor Only with modifications e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kart Racing</li> <li>• Mini Golf</li> <li>• Batting Cages</li> </ul>	Outdoor Only with modifications e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kart Racing</li> <li>• Mini Golf</li> <li>• Batting Cages</li> </ul>	Open Indoors for naturally distanced activities with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 25% capacity</li> <li>• Bowling Alleys</li> <li>• Climbing Walls</li> </ul>	Open indoors for activities with increased risk of proximity and mixing with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 50% capacity</li> <li>• Arcade Games</li> <li>• Ice and roller skating</li> <li>• Indoor playgrounds</li> </ul>
<b>Cardrooms, Satellite Wagering</b>	Outdoor Only with modifications	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 25% capacity</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max 50% capacity</li> </ul>
<b>Offices</b>	Remote	Remote	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage telework</li> </ul>	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage telework</li> </ul>
<b>Professional sports</b>	Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Without live audiences</li> <li>• With modifications</li> </ul>	Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Without live audiences</li> <li>• With modifications</li> </ul>	Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Without live audiences</li> <li>• With modifications</li> </ul>	Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Without live audiences</li> <li>• With modifications</li> </ul>

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