



INYO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

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INYO COUNTY COVID-19 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS UPDATE

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<https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19>

- **Inyo County Moves to Red Tier:** On November 28th the California Department of Public Health announced that Inyo County moved to the Red Tier of the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, indicating that the risk level in this county is substantial. This tier change comes after the state reviewed case and positivity rates statewide on Friday for the period of November 16 – November 22, 2020. While Inyo's positivity rate of 4% remains in the Orange Tier threshold, Inyo's recent spike of cases resulted in 15 cases reported during the week under review. This exceeded the Orange Tier metric for case rate, resulting in the state moving Inyo to the Red Tier. Effective November 29th the following industry guidance is in effect:
 1. Restaurants – Reduced to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer, with modifications
 2. Bars – Closed. Bars serving food may operate and serve alcohol following restaurant guidelines
 3. Personal Care Services – Open with Modifications
 4. Family Entertainment Centers – Open for outdoor activities only with modifications; indoor activities (e.g. bowling alleys) are closed
 5. Gyms and Fitness Centers – Reduced to 10% capacity with modifications
 6. Movie Theaters – reduced to 25% capacity or 100 people whichever is fewer, with modifications
 7. All Retail – Reduced to 50% indoor capacity
 8. Places of Worship – Reduced to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer, with modifications
 9. Hotels and Lodging – Open with modifications; fitness centers reduced to 10% capacity, and indoor pools closed
 10. Museums, Zoos and Aquariums – Reduced to 25% capacity with modifications
 11. Malls, Destination Centers and Swap Meets – Reduced to 50% capacity with modifications, common areas closed and reduced capacity for food courts consistent with restaurant
 12. Offices – Non-critical infrastructure offices moved to remote
 13. Schools-remain open subject to local determination

In order to return to the Orange Tier, Inyo's local data must stabilize and consistently reflect positivity and case rates consistent with the Orange Tier thresholds for a two week period. It will be essential that we all do our individual part by continuing to use face coverings, staying home when ill, practice physical distancing, and washing our hands frequently. Additional Tier assignments are expected to be released December 1st and can be viewed at <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>.

- **Verily COVID-19 Testing:** Due to colder weather, both Bishop and Lone Pine Verily testing will change locations to allow for indoor testing. Effective Wednesday, December 2nd Bishop testing will take place Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00am to 12:45pm in the Tallman Pavilion at the Tri-County

Fairgrounds. Effective Friday, December 4th Lone Pine testing will take place Fridays from 8:00am to 12:45 pm in the Statham Hall (138 Jackson St). Appointments will continue to remain mandatory; walk-ups without an appointment will not be tested. Additionally, the Verily COVID-19 testing program has expanded access to testing for youth ages 13-17 with a legal guardian required to be present. To make a testing appointment, please visit: <https://www.projectbaseline.com/study/covid-19/>

CRITICAL REMINDER - Failure to comply with Health Officer Orders places individuals and our community at increased risk of infection. Violation of Health Officer Orders may also result in a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine, or both (Health and Safety Code §120295).

Statewide/ Federal Information, Action, & Recommendations

	Global	U.S.	California
Confirmed Cases	63,118,430	13,511,194	1,223,096
Deaths	1,465,492	267,792	19,152

Global: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (11/30/20 – 3:00 pm)

US: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (11/30/20 – 3:00 pm)

CA: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (11/30/20 – 3:00 pm)

- **Use of Temporary Structures for Outdoor Business Operations:** On November 25th, the California Department of Public Health issued guidance to define outdoor operations to include operations that are conducted under a tent, canopy, or other sun shelter, as long as no more than 50% of the structure's perimeter has impermeable walls, allowing sufficient, unrestricted outdoor air movement resulting in cross-ventilation. An impermeable wall is defined as any material type that can reasonably restrict aerosols from passing through. A fabric curtain and a tarp or plastic barrier are considered an impermeable wall because the material would prevent aerosols from passing through. For more information please visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Use-of-Temporary-Structures-for-Outdoor-Business-Operations.aspx>
- **Updated Restaurant, Winery, and Bar Guidance:** On November 24th the California Department of Public Health updated the restaurant, winery, and bar guidance providing the following clarifications:
 - a. Separated the [Restaurants](#), [Wineries](#), and [Bars](#) guidance into three separate guidance documents
 - b. Added Tiers language
 - i. Included information about performances/performers in these settings and references forthcoming live performances guidance
 - c. Added language about ventilation
 - d. Revised Face Coverings section to reference CDPH guidance
 - e. Includes consideration for employers to provide a second barrier (e.g., face shield) to workers who consistently come within 6 feet of customers and co-workers
 - f. Includes physical distancing between tables measuring from the backs of the chairs

To view the complete guidance documents please visit:

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

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