



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 Stay At Home Order Lifted – Remains in Purple Tier:** The California Department of Public Health announced today that the California Stay at Home Order has been lifted. Inyo County will remain in the Purple Tier of the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, indicating that the risk level in this county is widespread. This change will require certain industries to modify their operations in order to remain open. In order to return to the Red Tier, Inyo's local data must stabilize and consistently reflect positivity and case rates consistent with the Red 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, avoid gatherings and mixing with other households, and washing our hands frequently.

Purple Tier summary of industry guidelines:

- 1) Restaurants – Outdoor only, with modifications
- 2) Bars – Closed.
- 3) Personal Care Services – Open indoors, 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 – Outdoor only, with modifications
- 6) Movie Theaters – Outdoor only, with modifications
- 7) All Retail – Reduced to 25% indoor capacity
- 8) Places of Worship – Face coverings and social distancing required at all times
- 9) Hotels and Lodging – Open with modifications
- 10) Museums, Zoos and Aquariums – Outdoor only, with modifications
- 11) Malls, Destination Centers and Swap Meets – Open indoor, with modifications: 25% indoor capacity, closed common areas and food courts
- 12) Offices – Non-critical infrastructure offices remote
- 13) Schools - remain open subject to local determination

For additional information visit the <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/reopening-inyo-businesses>.

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- **COVID-19 Vaccine Update:** Information and updates about vaccine roll out are posted to the Inyo County Vaccine Information webpage, <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/vaccine-information>. Inyo County's COVID-19 Phase 1A vaccination distribution began Saturday, December 19th and distribution to Phase 1B, Tier 1 began the week of January 11th. Public Health continues to work

closely with Northern Inyo and Southern Inyo Hospitals on the roll out of vaccine however, because the supply of vaccine is limited, and due to the number of recipients who fall within the 1B(1) tier, distribution is initially limited and will continue over the coming months. Inyo County Public Health has been in contact with employers who employ individuals in phase 1B tier 1. Persons aged of 65 and older should register by visiting <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/vaccine-information> and selecting "COVID Vaccine Registration".

Please note, persons who believe they are eligible for vaccine in the 1B tier 1 category should not call the public health office, but should register online as described above. Vaccine is not being administered on a first come first serve basis but is based on age, acuity, and risk. Due to that fact that the registration list changes on a daily basis as more individuals register, and so there is not currently an option to view your "spot" on the list. You will be contacted to schedule an appointment when your conditions permit.

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

The below government COVID-19 guidance pages are updated constantly as new information becomes available:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>

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

<https://www.coronavirus.gov/>