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More Businesses to Reopen Under Stage 2.5 in Merced County

MERCED COUNTY, CA – State health officials have issued new industry-specific guidelines that will allow additional business to reopen under Stage 2.5 of the Statewide Resilience Roadmap. All guidance will be effective as of June 12, 2020. Merced County will release an updated Stay-at-Home Order on June 12, 2020, to provide direction and clarification of which businesses are approved to safely reopen.

Before reopening, all businesses **must**:

1. Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan.
2. Train employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, including how to screen themselves for symptoms and stay home if they have them.
3. Implement individual control measures and screenings.
4. Implement disinfecting protocols.
5. Implement physical distancing guidelines.

Industry-specific guidelines were released for the following sectors: gyms and fitness centers, wineries and bars, family entertainment centers, schools, day camps, music, film, and television productions. Refer to the attached flyer for the businesses allowed to reopen under Stage 2.5 in Merced County.

To view the industry-specific guidelines, visit the State’s COVID-19 website at <https://covid19.ca.gov/>. To obtain information on tools to help businesses reopen safely, visit Merced County’s website at www.reopenmercedcounty.com.

If an outbreak or cluster of three or more COVID-19 cases occurs in a local business, the Merced County Department of Public Health will be required to publicly report that information in order to identify other people who may have been exposed. In order for Merced County to continue to remain open, business owners and their customers are strongly encouraged to follow preventive safety measures to help avoid an increase in cases.

For additional information pertaining to COVID-19, please visit the Department’s resource website at www.countyofmerced.com/coronavirus or call the Department information line at **209-381-1180** (English, Spanish, Hmong).

To schedule an interview, please contact the Department of Public Health’s media line at 209-381-1187, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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BUSINESSES AUTHORIZED TO REOPEN UNDER STAGE 2.5

In Merced County, all authorized businesses must meet 5 State safety requirements *before* reopening (with limitations):

OPEN

- Essential Businesses (Stage 1)
- Dine-In Restaurants
- In-Person Retail Stores and Manufacturing
- In-Person Offices (teleworking encouraged)
- Pet Grooming, Car Washes
- Outdoor Museums, Open Gallery Spaces
- Hair Salons and Barbershops
- Religious Services
- Childcare Facilities (Updates on June 12)
- Malls and Swap Meets
- Cardrooms/Racetracks (Effective June 12)
- Campgrounds/Outdoor Recreation (Effective June 12)
- Wineries and Bars (Effective June 12)
- Hotels - Tourism and Individual Travel (Effective June 12)
- Family Entertainment Centers *excludes bounce centers, balls pits, laser tag, etc.* (Effective June 12)
- Zoos/Museums (Effective June 12)
- Fitness Centers - Includes Swimming Pools (Effective June 12)
- Day-Camps (Effective June 12)
- Schools (Effective June 12)
- Professional Sports Without Audience (Effective June 12)
- Music, Film, and TV Production (Effective June 12)

MUST Meet the 5 State Safety Requirements and Follow Industry Specific Guidelines

Implement individual control measures and screenings

Implement disinfecting protocols

Implement physical distancing guidelines

Train employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, including self-screening

Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTHORIZED BUSINESSES AT WWW.REOPENMERCEDCOUNTY.COM

NOT OPEN

- Movie Theaters
- Nightclubs
- Convention Centers, Sports Arenas
- Libraries
- Saunas and Steam Rooms
- Nail Salons and Tattoo Parlors
- Festivals