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## State Allows Nail Salons to Resume Indoor Operations with Modifications

MERCED COUNTY, CA—This week, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced that nail salons can reopen indoor operations with various safety modifications. Nail salons may immediately reopen and must comply with specific safety measures found on the website listed below.

- Nail services and physician-ordered electrolysis are permitted indoors with modifications.
- Tattooing, piercing, and non-medical electrolysis is not permitted.
- All other personal services (e.g., waxing, massage, etc.) must be performed outdoors only with modifications.

The updated guidance for expanded personal care services can be found here: <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-expanded-personal-care-services--en.pdf>  
As a reminder, CDPH has adopted the “Blueprint for a Safer Economy,” which uses a tiered system to assess county risk levels. Merced County currently is in the purple, or widespread category. While rates are improving, counties are required to remain at the their current tier for at least 3 weeks before being allowed to move into a less restrictive category. If a county’s metrics worsen for two consecutive weeks, it will be assigned a more restrictive tier.

The categories are:

- 1. Purple—Widespread (Most restrictive category): Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed**
  - More than 7 daily new cases per 100k
  - More than 8 percent positive tests
- 2. Red—Substantial: Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed**
  - 4-7 daily new cases per 100k
  - 5-8 percent positive tests
- 3. Orange—Moderate: Some indoor business operations are open with modifications**
  - 1-3.9 daily new cases per 100k
  - 2-4.9 percent positive tests
- 4. Yellow—Minimal (Least restrictive category): Most indoor business operations are open with modifications**
  - Less than 1 daily new case per 100k
  - Less than 2 percent positive tests

Additional details can be found here: [www.gov.ca.gov/2020/08/28/governor-newsom-unveils-blueprint-for-a-safer-economy-a-statewide-stringent-and-slow-plan-for-living-with-covid-19/](http://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/08/28/governor-newsom-unveils-blueprint-for-a-safer-economy-a-statewide-stringent-and-slow-plan-for-living-with-covid-19/)

As a reminder, it is now a statewide requirement to wear a cloth face covering inside of, or in line to enter any indoor public space, or when unable to maintain six feet of social distance outside. Merced County health officials strongly urge all residents to exercise the following safety measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces

- ✓ Practice social distancing
- ✓ Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds
- ✓ When handwashing is not possible, use hand sanitizer with 60 percent alcohol base
- ✓ If you experience any COVID-19 symptoms (available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>) **stay home** and self-monitor.

All business sector safety guidance can be found at [www.covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance](http://www.covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance). Further COVID-19 information is located on Merced County Department of Public Health's resource website at [www.countyofmerced.com/coronavirus](http://www.countyofmerced.com/coronavirus).

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