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## Health Officer COVID-19 Update

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### **Lab Testing and Regional COVID-19 Behavior**

- As of April 30, 2020, Amador test results total = 465.
- Currently surveillance testing is NOT yet available for asymptomatic patients.
- State prioritization guidelines to determine who qualifies for testing are under revision.
- In addition to Sutter Amador Hospital and WellSpace, COVID-19 testing is available at the [Project Baseline by Verily](#) in Sacramento & Stockton. Plus, [OptumServe](#) is scheduled to begin testing in El Dorado County next week.

Positive case counts continue to climb in the region. Mariposa County, previously with zero COVID-19 cases, climbed to 13 cases in the span of 3 days. All 12 additional cases have been linked to their initial index case.

### **Stay-at-Home Orders**

- The entire state of California remains under the State Executive Order. California is currently in [Stage 1 of the Resilience Roadmap](#) presented by the State on Tuesday.
- Although Amador County must continue to comply with the State-issued mandate, the Amador Health Officer issued an [Updated Stay at Home Order](#) yesterday. The updated order's purpose is to clarify interpretation broadly and within reason, what is allowable in terms of recreational, social and business activity. [Frequently Asked Questions](#) were also released as a companion document with the update.
- Calaveras County issued a [revised order](#) on April 29, 2020 that allows for more outdoor recreational activity for county residents. This follows Amador County's April 3, 2020 order revision pattern which allowed for that type of activity a month ago, as the case count and transmission patterns in the Amador community did not warrant a stricter interpretation of the State Order and restrictions.

## **Looking ahead:**

- Yesterday, April 30, 2020, the Planning for Reopening of Amador County Workgroup comprised of elected officials from each city, Tribal representatives, and County leaders held their initial meeting to move forward with planning guidance.
- When Amador moves to [Stage 2](#), relaxing restrictions will not occur all-at-once.
  - The changes will roll out much like a dimmer switch rather than on-off button.
  - Businesses will be categorized as low, medium, or high risk based on the proximity and duration of interpersonal contact as well as number of persons in contact with one another. Contact is what spreads the [COVID-19 virus](#).
  - Those businesses that can put measures into place to easily mitigate risk will fall within the group that the State will categorize for opening in [Stage 2 of the Roadmap framework](#).
  - This morning, the Amador County Chamber of Commerce provided a draft document that the Health Officer is reviewing. This guidance will be for businesses to use as they develop their own risk mitigation and safety plans in accordance with applying the general principles of minimizing COVID-19 transmission.
- Amador County Public Health and the EOC both continue to participate in State-wide strategy calls and in regional coordination with our neighboring counties to evaluate data, and formulate consistent directives.