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Health Officer COVID-19 Update

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COVID-19 Situation Update:

To date Amador County Public Health has received 1,055 nasal swab test results.

- Total positive confirmed case count: 10
 - Of those 10 cases, 9 have recovered.
 - One person who was hospitalized is still recovering at home.
 - Earlier this week Johns Hopkins erroneously reported an additional 9 cases in Amador. That misinformation has been corrected.

Beginning June 4, 2020, Amador County Public Health, in collaboration with the Emergency Operations Center, is opening a drive-through community based COVID-19 testing site. This mobile testing unit will provide FREE nasal swab testing for anyone age 18 years or older by appointment through Project Baseline by Verily: <https://www.projectbaseline.com/COVID19/>.

This Verily COVID-19 mobile testing site is supported by the California Department of Public Health and hosted locally on the St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Parish property. If you have any questions regarding appointment registration, please visit the [Verily website](#) or call the Amador County Public Health Testing Helpline at 209-223-6676.

Stage 2 Variance:

Since May 12, 2020, some businesses and activities have slowly been allowed to reopen in Amador County as part of Stage 2 outlined in the [State's Resilience Roadmap to Reopening](#). Amador County has been able to move through Stage 2 at a faster pace due to the acceptance of our local attestation to the State. This attestation only applies to [Stage 2 businesses](#) and activities.

Last Friday, Governor Newsom shared critical information regarding how the State will move through Stage 2 and Stage 3 of the California Pandemic Resilience Roadmap. Specifically, Governor Newsom outlined additional information for counties that have attested to meeting the State's Variance Criteria to reopen at a pace different than the State's pace at large. A variance county such as Amador can elect to open a given sector so long as:

- (1) The State has issued guidance for how a given sector can reopen and
- (2) The local Health Officer has provided approval for that sector to open locally.

If the State has not yet released guidance for a sector, then that sector cannot yet reopen. Once the State issues new guidance for how businesses and activities may reopen with risk mitigation measures in place, the local county decides if and when these new sectors may begin the reopening process. As of today, the State has not issued any additional guidance for Stage 3 beyond religious services/cultural ceremonies, hair salons and barbershops.

Current statewide industry guidance may be viewed here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>

Before reopening, all facilities 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.

Current guidance for businesses permitted to reopen in Amador County because of local variance may be viewed here:

Dine-in restaurants:

- <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-dine-in-restaurants.pdf>
- <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/checklist-dine-in-restaurants.pdf>

Hair Salons:

- <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hair-salons.pdf>

Our community should remember individual actions everyone should take to keep themselves and our community healthy:

- Anyone who is feeling ill should stay home.
- Vulnerable (high risk) individuals – should continue to follow the State’s Stay-at-Home Order.
- Wear face coverings to protect others – individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering when in public.
- Continue physical distancing – When in public, maximize physical distance from others (at least six feet).
- Maintain good hygiene practices – Washing hands, use hand sanitizer, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, covering coughs and sneezes.
- Social Settings – Gatherings are not allowed at this time.
- Non-essential travel is discouraged.

The following sectors, businesses, establishments, or activities are not permitted to operate in the State of California at this time:

- Personal services such as nail salons, tattoo parlors, gyms and fitness studios
- Indoor museums, kids museums, gallery spaces, zoos and libraries
- Community centers, including public pools, playgrounds, and picnic areas
- Entertainment venues, such as movie theaters, gaming, gambling, arcade venues, pro sports,
- Hospitality services, such as bars, wineries, tasting rooms and lounges
- Nightclubs
- Concert venues
- Live audience sports
- Festivals
- Theme parks
- Hotels/lodging for leisure and tourism – non-essential travel
- Higher Education