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## **Amador COVID-19 Update: County Returns to Purple Tier**

**Amador County, CA** – Amador County Public Health confirms one hundred and thirty-eight new cases of COVID-19 and two deaths due to COVID-19 since last Tuesday's update. The individuals who passed were 2 males, 1 in his 60s and 1 in his 70s. Amador Public Health expresses their condolences to the families and loved ones of these individuals. The new cases include 74 males and 64 females, 23 children under the age of 18, 56 aged 18-49, 35 aged 50-64, 24 over 65 years of age; 47 residing in Lone, 45 living in Jackson, 8 living in Pine Grove, 8 in Pioneer, 14 in Plymouth/surrounding areas, 15 residing in Sutter Creek/Amador City, and 1 in Volcano. Fifteen cases are currently hospitalized. These new cases are linked to transmission among Thanksgiving gatherings, community transmission, and several congregate setting outbreaks. One additional outbreak is occurring among [Mule Creek State Prison](#) inmates. Mule Creek inmate cases are not included in the [total case count](#) for Amador County.

Amador will move to the more restrictive purple tier on [California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) effective 11:59 PM tomorrow, 12/9/2020. Sector activity restrictions may be viewed on the state website: [Activity and Business Tiers](#). In Amador, the following will change in the [purple tier](#):

- Retail stores – open at 25% capacity
- Restaurants – outdoors only with modifications
- Places of worship – outdoors only with modifications
- Wineries – outdoors only with modifications
- Gyms/fitness centers – outdoors only with modifications

On December 3, 2020, the California State Health Officer signed a [regional stay-at-home order](#) for regions with less than 15% Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity. Amador is not currently under this new order, although ICU capacity continues to be monitored closely. The mass wireless alert that was issued earlier, as of today, applies to the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California regions. Information on the order and regional ICU capacity is updated daily on the state website: [About COVID-19 Restrictions](#).

As local cases and hospital capacity concerns increase, precautions and prevention measures are more important than ever. Individual actions affect our whole community. Practice consistent prevention measures to help limit the spread of COVID-19: wear face coverings, practice social distancing, and ensure frequent hand hygiene. Avoid mixing with others outside your household. Outdoors is safer than indoors. Persons over age 65 and those with chronic health conditions that put them at higher risk for severe COVID-19 are encouraged to stay home as much as possible. Stay home if you are sick even with mild symptoms. If you have been directed to isolate or quarantine, please follow all instructions.

Total cases in Amador to date = 632 cases.

Total hospitalized = 15 cases (14 locally and 1 out-of-county)

Total confirmed COVID-19 deaths = 17 deaths.

Total active cases = 141 cases.

Total cases released from isolation to date = 474 cases. Cases are released from isolation when they are no longer infectious.

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