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Regional Stay at Home Order

Hanford, CA – On December 3, 2020, the State of California announced a Regional Stay at Home order in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, curb hospitalization rates, and prevent overwhelming Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity. Effective Saturday, December 5, 2020, regions with less than 15% available ICU capacity will have 24 hours to implement further modifications and closures as defined within the order. The order instructs Californians to stay at home as much as possible to limit mixing with other households that can lead to COVID-19 spread. It allows access to (and travel for) critical services and allows outdoor activities to preserve Californians' physical and mental health. On December 5, 2020, available ICU capacity in the San Joaquin Valley, which includes Kings County, fell to 8.6%, meeting the trigger criterion. Therefore, the following changes must be implemented throughout the San Joaquin Valley Region before 11:59 PM on Sunday, December 6, 2020:

- Gatherings of any size with people outside an individual household are prohibited.
- Adherence to physical distancing and 100% masking in public spaces, critical infrastructure and all other industries.

The following sectors must **close**:

** Please Note – Some of the sectors listed below were already closed under Kings County's Purple Tier assignment.*

- Indoor and outdoor playgrounds
- Indoor recreational facilities, including gyms and fitness centers
- Hair salons, barbershops and personal care services, including esthetic and skin care services, electrology, nail services, tattoo and piercing facilities and massage services.
- Museums, zoos, and aquariums
- Movie theaters
- Wineries, bars, breweries, and distilleries
- Family entertainment centers
- Cardrooms and satellite wagering
- Limited services, such as laundromats/dry cleaners, auto repair shops, car washes, landscapers, door-to-door services and sales, pet grooming and dog walking
- Live audience sports

The following sectors must adopt additional modifications in addition to 100% masking and physical distancing:

- **Outdoor recreational facilities:** Outdoor operation only without any food, drink or alcohol sales. Overnight stays at campgrounds will not be permitted.
- **Retail:** Indoor operation at 20% capacity with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- **Shopping centers:** Indoor operation at 20% capacity with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- **Hotels and lodging:** Open for critical infrastructure support only.
- **Restaurants:** Allow only for take-out or delivery.
- **Offices:** Remote only except for critical infrastructure sectors where remote working is not possible.
- **Places of worship and political expression:** Outdoor services only.
- **Entertainment production including professional sports:** Allow operation without live audiences. Additionally, testing protocol and “bubbles” are highly encouraged.

The following sectors are **allowed to remain open** when remote working is not possible, with appropriate preventative measures including 100% masking and physical distancing:

- Critical infrastructure
- Schools
- Non-urgent medical and dental care
- Child care and pre-K

The order will remain in effect for at least 3 weeks and, after that period, will be lifted when the region’s projected ICU capacity meets or exceeds 15%. This will be assessed on a weekly basis after the initial 3 week period. Once the order is lifted, Counties will be assigned a risk tier (Purple, Red, Orange, or Yellow) based on testing positivity and case rate metrics.

Regular testing continues to be critical to curb the spread and has an impact on tier assignment. Free testing services are available throughout Kings County 7 days a week. For the current schedule and locations visit www.kingscovidinfo.com and click on “Kings County: Free Mobile Testing Site Schedule.”

Isolation and Quarantine Support

If you are required to isolate or quarantine, support is available. Essential workers and their families (including work in agriculture, education, healthcare, public safety and more), as well as residents of Avenal and Corcoran, automatically qualify for several services. There is no income restriction for most support services, including free delivery of groceries, toiletries and cleaning supplies. *For more information on these services, contact Kings Cares at 559-799-8107.*