

Updated as of June 21 2021

California COVID -19 Guidelines

Each color has a different set of rules.

Tier 01
widespread

Tier 02
substantial

Tier 03
moderate

Tier 04
minimal

Purple

- Professional sports can open outdoors with only 100 or fewer attendees.
- Live performances outdoors with only 100 or fewer attendees (Starting April 1)
- Outdoor gatherings, only with modifications
- Outdoor live events- open with modifications, no live audiences.

April 1

- 100 people or fewer, regional visitors.
- Reservations only

Red

- 100 people or fewer, regional visitors.
- Reservations only
- Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties are in the red tier, but they are almost into the orange tier.
- Indoor gatherings are strongly discouraged, but allowed with modifications.
Outdoor live events- open with modifications, no live audiences.

April 1

- max 20% capacity
- Weekly worker testing
- In state visitors only
- Reservations only

Orange

- Professional sports at outdoor stadiums can have attendees at 33% capacity (Starting April 1)
- Live performances outdoors only at 33% capacity (Starting April 1)
- San Francisco and Santa Clara are in the orange tier.
- Indoor gatherings are strongly discouraged, but allowed with modifications. Outdoor live events- open with modifications, live audience allowed, 20% capacity, reservations required, assigned seating only, regional attendees.

April 1

- Max 33% capacity
- Weekly worker testing
- In state visitors only

Yellow

- Professional sports at outdoor stadiums can have audiences up to 67% (Starting April 1)
- Live performances outdoors only at 67% capacity (Starting April 1)
- Indoor gatherings are strongly discouraged, but allowed with modifications.
- Alpine and Sierra county are the only 2 counties that made it to yellow so far. Outdoor live events- open with modifications, live audience allowed, 25%capacity, reservations, assigned seating, regional attendees only.
- Private events: outdoor only, max of 200 people. If all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination, 400 people max.
- Indoor events: if all guests are tested or fully vaccinated, 200 people max.

April 1

- Max 67% capacity
- In state visitors only

TIER 1 - WIDESPREAD OR PURPLE

WHAT IT MEANS: Many nonessential indoor business operations are closed

CRITERIA:

of new daily cases: More than 7 per 100k people
Positivity rate: More than 8%

TIER 2 - SUBSTANTIAL OR RED

WHAT IT MEANS: Some nonessential indoor business operations are closed

CRITERIA:

of new daily cases: 4-7 per 100K people
Positivity rate: Between 5% and 8%

TIER 3 - MODERATE OR ORANGE

WHAT IT MEANS: Some indoor business operations are open with modifications

CRITERIA:

of new daily cases: 1-3.9 per 100K people
Positivity rate: Between 2% and 4.9%

TIER 4 - MINIMAL OR YELLOW

WHAT IT MEANS: Most indoor business operations are open with modifications

CRITERIA:

of new daily cases: Less than 1 per 100K people
Positivity rate: less than 2%

Gathering Plans:

- Producers of any event/activity must put together a plan to show how you will meet all these requirements.
- Plans should include physical distancing, face coverings, disinfecting, staff health screening, and one way movement.
- Plans should be given to all staff, crew and performers.
- Failure to comply with public health protocols can result in the Public Health shutting down the event.

It is up to local health authorities to come up with testing procedures. As CA moves into less restrictive tiers and starts to open up more, there will be a clearer plan for testing/screening.

On June 15

- California is expected to fully reopen and capacity and distancing restrictions will be lifted for most businesses and activities. The county tier system based on the Blueprint for a Safer Economy will no longer be in effect.
- Current restrictions in the CDPH Blueprint Activity and Business Tiers chartPDF will end.
- Most sectors may resume operations in compliance with the **COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards**, public health guidance, and other statewide agency guidelines and standards.
- Large-scale indoor events will have vaccination verification or pre-entry negative test requirements through October 1.

Mask Requirements

- Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals, except in the following settings where masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status:
- On public transit, Indoors in K-12 schools[2], childcare[3] and other youth settings, Healthcare settings, correctional facilities and detention centers[6], Homeless shelters[7], emergency shelters[8] and cooling centers[9]

Guidance for Businesses and Venues

Where masks are required only for unvaccinated individuals, businesses, venue operators or hosts may choose to:

- Provide information to all patrons, guests and attendees regarding vaccination requirements and allow vaccinated individuals to self-attest that they are in compliance prior to entry.
- Implement vaccine verification to determine whether individuals are required to wear a mask.
- Require all patrons to wear masks.
- No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a business.