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## Press Release

### *Contra Costa Receives State Variance to Continue Reopening Plan*

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The State of California this week granted Contra Costa County a variance that allows more local control over when some activities restricted by the COVID-19 pandemic may resume.

The variance allows Contra Costa to move ahead with its roadmap for reopening at a pace that is appropriate for local conditions, which includes hair salons, indoor dining, gyms and schools in coming weeks.

"We are able to reopen more businesses and activities because the people of Contra Costa have diligently followed the health orders restricting our activities for many months," said Candace Andersen, chair of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. "We remain committed to a safe and careful reopening for our county."

In an attestation filed to the state this week, Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) outlined the progress at managing the spread of COVID-19 locally and how the local healthcare system is preparing in the event of a new surge in cases.

If safe to do so, hair salons and barber shops can reopen for business on June 17, according to a [timeline](#)

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released by CCHS. Indoor dining, bars, gyms and fitness centers, hotels and some indoor entertainment venues may follow July 1.

The county's timeline could change if [community health indicators](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/indicators-dashboard) (<https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/indicators-dashboard>) worsen, such as an increase in the number of new cases or patients hospitalized with COVID-19.

Contra Costa is the first of six counties in the lower Bay Area to seek or receive a variance from the state COVID-19 health order, joining the North Bay counties of Napa, Solano and Sonoma.

Visit [cchealth.org/coronavirus](https://cchealth.org/coronavirus) ([/coronavirus/](https://cchealth.org/coronavirus/)) for more information about Contra Costa's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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