

QUESTIONS FOR THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER OR DESIGNEE

INDOOR MEETINGS

1. Can businesses hold a work-related meeting with a limited number of people in a large room outside of their regular office/worksite if everyone social distances and wears masks?
2. If a business needs a larger meeting space than their office can accommodate, can they rent a meeting room so they can better social distance? This is also a source of income for some facilities or agencies such as cities, libraries and hotels.
3. Can business groups such as Chambers of Commerce or Service Clubs begin holding small group meetings indoors?

POOL QUESTIONS:

1. Is it permissible to allow “self-monitoring” (as opposed to a designated person to monitor social distancing) for pools that are in HOAs of less than 100 units.
2. If only one family/household is present at a community pool would it be necessary to still have a monitor?
3. If a monitor is required in either of the above situations, could anyone present be the designated “monitor” for half hour blocks as indicated by something visible like wearing a safety vest, a special hat, or even signing a clipboard at the pool stating that they will be “the monitor” during that time period?

SCHOOL QUESTIONS

1. What guidance are the County Health Officers giving to school districts regarding their reopening plans? School Districts indicate that the County (following State Guidelines) has social distancing requirements that must be followed and the County seems to say it’s up to each District to decide whatever they want to do.
2. If reopening school plans are up to a school district, can the FAQ’s be updated to explicitly state that?

MASKS/FACE SHIELDS

We are looking to use facial shields and I do know that there are studies that say they are even better than masks.

<https://www.aarp.org/health/healthy-living/info-2020/shields-compared-to-masks.html>

The masks are easier for us in the heat when teaching and children can see our faces as well. Can we use them?

APPARENT OUTBREAKS IN CERTAIN COMMUNITIES

1. The case counts in Richmond, San Pablo, and Bay Point seem to be unusually high. Is there an outbreak in the Hispanic community – it looks like 41% of all COVID cases are from that community, yet they only make up 26% of the population.
2. What are we doing to help those communities that are hardest hit?
3. Should communities where the cases per 100,000 are much lower need to worry as much?

WORRYING TRENDS

1. With 23 deaths in the last 8 days, a record number of new cases in the past few days, an almost daily increase in hospitalizations, testing numbers that still aren't meeting goals, and a contact tracing section on the county dashboard that has been "coming soon" for weeks now, it's increasingly frustrating, and I'm filled with a sense of helplessness.
2. Are stricter guidelines going to be put in place for businesses that have already been allowed to reopen?
3. When would we know if there's a delay in the timeline to open more businesses? Those in stage 3 are buying inventory and preparing.

TESTING/TRACKING

1. What needs to happen to increase the amount of testing being done?
2. I keep seeing messages suggesting we have adequate testing capacity, but little guidance on who exactly should be getting tested.
3. Do we have enough trackers working yet? Are all cases being tracked?