

Questions for Health Officer – September 3, 2020

Why can't some parts of the County, where the numbers are much better, have different rules than those areas where the case counts are much higher?

What is the county doing to help kids get back in school?

Where is the critical thinking about what to do for our children? Other schools in other counties with many more cases are open. What makes us different?

Have any school waivers been approved?

How can it be expected that a public school can afford to pay to Rapid test 25% of teachers every two weeks?

Why is Contra Costa County making waivers impossible for Contra Costa County Public Schools by creating requirements above and beyond what the State requires for opening schools?

If a school waiver is approved, will the Health Department allow for schools to potentially open with A/B cohorts and one teacher instructing those cohorts?

We are hearing that Landlords for low-income housing are asking prospective tenants to be tested for COVID before moving in. Can they do that?

Would it be possible with smaller HOA pools to allow for just a sign to be posted letting people know they must maintain social distance instead of needing a monitor?

Can we PLEASE open playgrounds?!

How do you reconcile a 0.3% death rate (and significantly lower when you consider children) with the Shelter in Place requirements?

Where did the wording for guidelines for children's team sports come from? The CA Guidance document doesn't say 6 feet "at all times" and doesn't call out specific baseball examples. If it did not come from CA and it was an interpretation of the CA Guidance by CCC, then who in particular came up with this interpretation?

Do you have any info on heart-related deaths in Contra Costa County?

Each Tier lists the percentage capacity allowable for businesses. How is that capacity supposed to be calculated? Overall facility capacity, usable square footage, etc.? Does that include employees or is the allowable percentage based only on patrons? Assuming any outdoor services would not be included in the indoor capacity?

What will happen with the allowed outdoor activities when the weather changes and it starts to rain?

Why can't museums open when retail indoors is open?

Is medical massage allowed indoors?

Can you please provide guidance to businesses regarding how to handle recycling safely now that CalRecycle is requiring businesses to accept recycling again?