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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY

June 17, 2021
1:30 P.M.

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Agenda Items:

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1. Introductions
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).
3. RECEIVE status report on the County's COVID-19 status and Governor's plan for reopening the California economy. (*Chair Andersen; Thomas Warne, M.D., Deputy County Health Officer*)
4. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the May 20, 2021 meeting. (*Julie Enea, County Administrator's Office*)
5. No additional meetings for this Committee are currently anticipated.
6. Adjourn

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

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3.

Meeting Date: 06/17/2021

Subject: COVID 19 UPDATES AND GOVERNOR'S PLAN TO REOPEN THE CALIFORNIA ECONOMY BEGINNING JUNE 15

Submitted For: Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor

Department: Board of Supervisors District II

Referral No.:

Referral Name:

Presenter: Chair Andersen; Dr. Thomas Warne,
Deputy County Health Officer

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Referral History:

Although the Board of Supervisors has authority over County issues, under State law, when an emergency of this nature is declared and there is a pandemic of this magnitude, the Health Officer of each county has the legal authority to impose whatever orders she or he deems necessary to protect the public.

Ad Hoc Committee

On Tuesday, April 21, 2020, the Board of Supervisors formed this ad hoc committee to advise the Health Department on COVID19 impacts. The goal of the committee is to work toward having a sustainable COVID-19 mitigation and recovery plan. The committee engages with the community and industry on issues of concern, advising the Board of Supervisors and the County Health Officer on possible ways to interpret and apply Health Orders so they will continue to keep the community safe but allow, to the greatest extent safely possible, more businesses to re-open; and to provide common-sense applications to outdoor activities.

The Committee has so far conducted 24 public meetings, having met almost weekly from May through July 2020 and then monthly from August 2020 forward. Meeting topics have covered recreation and lifestyle services; in-home and other personal services; small businesses; family, social and religious gatherings; schools and dining; and vaccines; a plan to move to fully to Stage 2 and, regrettably, the second surge that required postponement of many planned Phase 2 re-openings; the State's move to the Tier system of recovery, and the county's movement between tiers from Orange back to Purple (most restrictive) and, five months later, back to Orange, the current County tier. See the next paragraph for a review of the County's tier journey. Written and video records of all prior Committee meetings are posted on the County's website at this [link](#) (use the Previous button at the site to scroll back to prior Committee meetings).

State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy

In August 2020, the State subsequently established a four-tier reopening plan under its Blueprint for a Safer Economy, which became the Committee's primary reference point. Under the Blueprint, every county was assigned by the State to a tier based on a county's test positivity and adjusted case rate (see Tier chart at the end of this section). The State reviews and updates tier assignments weekly. To move forward, a county must meet the next tier's criteria for two consecutive weeks.

On September 29, 2020, Contra Costa County progressed from the Purple (most restrictive Widespread) Tier to the Red (Substantial) Tier, and on October 27, 2020 progressed again to the Orange (Moderate) Tier. Following a resurgence of new cases and increase in hospitalizations, the County, on November 16, 2020 was moved back to the Purple Tier where it remained until March 14, 2021 when the County progressed to the Red Tier. The County, on April 7, progressed once again to the Orange Tier where it remains. Additionally, Governor Newsom implemented a Regional Stay-at-Home Order between December 3, 2020 and January 25, 2021 in response to concerns about shrinking ICU capacity. [Click to learn more about tier assignments and metric details.](#)

County risk level	New cases	Positive tests
WIDESPREAD Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed	More than 7 daily new cases (per 100k)	More than 8% Positive tests
SUBSTANTIAL Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed	4 - 7 daily new cases (per 100k)	5 - 8% Positive tests
MODERATE Some indoor business operations are open with modifications	1 - 3.9 daily new cases (per 100k)	2 - 4.9% Positive tests
MINIMAL Most indoor business operations are open with modifications	Less than 1 daily new cases (per 100k)	Less than 2% Positive tests

State's Plan to Move Beyond the Current Blueprint

On April 6, Governor Newsom announced that he is looking to move beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy to fully reopening California's economy. He predicted that on June 15, if vigilant, all industries across the state can return to usual operations with common-sense risk reduction measures such as masking and vaccinations. The state will monitor hospitalization rates, vaccine access, and vaccine efficacy against variants with the option to revisit the June 15 date if needed.

Vaccines

Late December 2020 brought the availability of two vaccines, one from Pfizer and one from Moderna. Both available vaccines require two injections a few weeks apart. The first injection

starts building protection. A second injection a few weeks later is needed to get the most protection the vaccine has to offer. In response to guidelines from the State, Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) is now offering the vaccine at no cost to people aged 16 and older who live, work or go to school in Contra Costa County. [Click here to request an appointment from CCHS.](#)

In late March 2021, the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine became available. People who have been fully vaccinated are advised to:

- Take steps to [protect oneself and others](#) in many situations, like wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. Take these precautions whenever you are:
 - In public
 - Gathering with unvaccinated people from more than one other household
 - Visiting with an unvaccinated person who is at [increased risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19](#) or who lives with a person at increased risk
- Still avoid [medium or large-sized gatherings](#).
- If one [travels](#), one should still take steps to [protect oneself and others](#). You will still be [required to wear a mask](#) on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States, and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Fully vaccinated [international travelers](#) arriving in the United States are still [required to get tested](#) within 3 days of their flight (or show documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months) and should still get tested 3-5 days after their trip.
- Still watch out for [symptoms of COVID-19](#), especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get [tested](#) and [stay home](#) and away from others.
- You will still need to follow guidance at your workplace.

Testing

All Bay Area residents are also encouraged to get tested for COVID-19, and to do so immediately if they have symptoms. Check with your local health department for more information about testing and about efforts in your community to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, please visit cchealth.org/coronavirus to read the latest health order and its appendices, and for local information about Contra Costa's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Here is a link to the updated FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions): [FAQs](#)

Referral Update:

Deputy County Health Officer Dr. Thomas Warne will provide a COVID-19 update at today's meeting. A discussion will then follow regarding Governor Newsom's new guidelines for moving beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy to fully reopening California's economy. Following that discussion, there will be an opportunity for general public comment and public comment on any agenda item. The Committee and Dr. Warne will be available to respond to questions raised during the meeting.

The most significant developments since our last meeting on May 20, 2021 are:

- New CDC data show the risk of COVID-19 infection among fully vaccinated individuals is [0.01%](#). The news comes on the heels of the announcement the United States has fully vaccinated more than half of its adult population. Breakthrough infections can still occur in

fully vaccinated individuals, as vaccines are not 100% effective.

- Updated guidance from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission permits employers to [mandate the COVID-19 vaccine](#) among their workforce. Employers can also provide incentives, like cash, to workers to get vaccinated. However, employers must still provide accommodations to workers exempt from mandatory immunization under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- The Bay Area Health Officers announced support for reopening of all California schools for full-time in-person instruction for all grades in fall 2021.
- CCHS opened school-based vaccination clinics offered school-required tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine along with the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Starting June 15, the state will move [Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) and eliminate the color-coded tier system for counties. This means there will be far fewer restrictions on business and social activity, although things still won't be exactly like they were before the pandemic. While there won't be capacity limits on businesses, masking will still be required for everyone in several settings, including the workplace. Some businesses may choose to maintain masking or distancing requirements for their patrons in their facilities, which is their right. See below for further explanation.

Here's a quick breakdown from the CCHS website of the new, relaxed rules for outdoor and indoor settings:

- Capacity limitations: No restrictions
- Physical distancing: No restrictions for attendees, customers and guests. Workers on the job must maintain physical distancing and schools should keep student desks at least 3 feet apart.
- Masking: Fully vaccinated people do not need to wear masks in most settings. Unvaccinated people must still wear masks in indoor public settings and businesses. Everyone must still wear masks in the workplace, on public transit, medical facilities, K-12 schools and correctional facilities and shelters.
- Employers/workplaces: Most are subject to the [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards \(ETS\)](#). Cal/OSHA will be reviewing its workplace guidance on masking and distancing on June 17.
- Travelers: follow [CDC recommendations](#) and [CDPH Travel Advisory](#).
- Vaccine verification/negative COVID-19 test: required for indoor [mega events](#) (5,000+ attendees) and recommended for outdoor [mega events](#) (10,000+ attendees).

Masking Requirements and Guidance

Fully Vaccinated People

- Masks are not required in most settings, except where required for All People (exceptions listed below)

Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated People

- Masks are required for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public)

All People

Both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people must wear masks in these settings:

- Public transit (examples: airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares)
- Transportation hubs (examples: airport, bus terminal, marina, train station, seaport or other port, subway station, or any other area that provides transportation)
- Workplace: Masks must continue to be worn on the job. [Cal/OSHA](#) will be reviewing its masking guidance for employers and workers on June 17.
- K-12 schools, childcare facilities and other youth settings (indoors)
- Businesses that choose to require masks for all customers
- Healthcare settings (including long-term care facilities)
- Homeless shelters, emergency shelters and cooling centers
- Correctional facilities and detention centers

Vaccination Verification Guidance for Businesses, Venues or Hosts

In settings 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 (i.e. honor system).
- Implement vaccine verification to determine whether individuals are required to wear a mask.
- Require all patrons to wear masks

General Restrictions Applying to Indoor & Outdoor Settings

Capacity Limitations:

- No restrictions

Physical Distancing:

- No restrictions for attendees, customers and guests
- Physical distance in the workplace should be maintained
- Schools should keep student desks at least 3 feet apart

Mega Events:

[Mega events](#) are large public events where attendance may exceed 5,000 persons for indoor or 10,000 persons for outdoor events.

Examples of indoor mega events include conventions, conferences, expos, sporting events and concerts. Examples of outdoor mega events include music or food festivals, car shows, large endurance events and marathons, parades, sporting events and concerts.

For all attendees, verification of [fully vaccinated status](#) or recent [negative testing](#) for COVID-19 is:

- Required for indoor mega events
- Strongly recommended for outdoor mega events

The transition from Blueprint

The Governor's strategy is to use various levers and incentives to increase protection of Californians and incentivize vaccination to move us towards community immunity. Since March, the State has adjusted the Blueprint to recognize the role of vaccines in reducing transmission.

These strategies include:

- Reopening and expanding the capacity of outdoor sectors
- Adding the Vaccine Equity Benchmarks to adjust the case rate thresholds for Blueprint tiers
- Allowing increased capacity or numbers of persons allowed, including indoors, with proof of testing or vaccination
- Developing guidance or minimum standards to ensure equity, privacy, and ethical practices are integral in the deployment of vaccination and testing verification methods
- Focusing on equity allocations and implementation plans to improve vaccination coverage in our least advantaged and hardest-hit communities

The efforts Californians have taken to date have allowed California to reopen safely to move beyond the Blueprint.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE status report on the County's COVID-19 status and Governor's plan for reopening the California economy and schools.

Attachments

No file(s) attached.



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4.

Meeting Date: 06/17/2021
Subject: RECORD OF ACTION FOR MAY 20, 2021 MEETING
Submitted For: Monica Nino, County Administrator
Department: County Administrator
Referral No.:
Referral Name:
Presenter: Julie DiMaggio Enea **Contact:** Julie DiMaggio Enea
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Referral History:

County Ordinance requires that each County body keep a record of its meetings. Though the record need not be verbatim, it must accurately reflect the agenda and the decisions made in the meeting.

Referral Update:

Please see the attached list of attendees and draft Record of Action for the May 20, 2021 meeting.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the May 20, 2021 meeting.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

No fiscal impact.

Attachments

DRAFT Record of Action for the May 20, 2021 Meeting
Record of Attendance 5-20-21



AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY

THE RECORD OF ACTION FOR
MAY 20, 2021

Supervisor Candace Andersen, Chair
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

Present: Chair Candace Andersen
Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

Staff Present: Thomas Warne, M.D., Deputy County Health Officer
Julie DiMaggio Enea, Senior Deputy County Administrator

Attendees: See Attendance Record, attached.

1. Introductions

Chair Andersen called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., welcomed the attendees, and introduced the Committee and Dr. Warne.

She announced that this may be the last meeting of the ad hoc Committee needed but she will reevaluate after the Governor releases new guidelines on June 15.

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

All public comment was taken under Item #3.

3. RECEIVE status report on the County's COVID-19 status and vaccination framework and DISCUSS prospects for holding public and private events in the County in 2021.

Dr. Warne reviewed the data dashboard showing current county data. Contra Costa County remains in the Orange Tier. Our case rate is 4.5/100,000, testing positivity rate is 1.8% and equity metric is 2.5%. We've continued to improve since April. Not expecting to move to the Yellow Tier due to current case rate. We are in the 4-5 range and would need to be less than 2 to be promoted to Yellow.

The County has 69,197 coronavirus cases to date. New cases per day are stable. The 7-day average has improved. Current hot spots are Discovery Bay and Rodeo, with several other cities still above 100 cases. Testing remains strong.

The County has sustained total deaths of 796. There are currently 29 people in Contra Costa hospitals with coronavirus. The 7-day average hospitalization rate is 31. There is 40% bed availability in the ICUs; only 5% of ICU cases are COVID.

There are only three active cases within Long Term Care facilities, which is significantly less than the peak.

The County's vaccine numbers are very good. 1.3M doses of vaccine have been administered. More than 600,000 people have been fully vaccinated and 710 partially vaccinated. Daily vaccinations have decreased from the high saturation point last month. The daily average doses per day is 8,800.

Vaccines are now available to children aged 12-15; there are 65,000 kids in that age group eligible in our county. Parental consent will be required. The FDA now says it is safe to receive other vaccines along with COVID-19 vaccine.

School-based community vaccine clinics are now open at selected schools. No cost/no appointment necessary.

The CDC issued new mask guidelines for vaccinated persons to be implemented in California after June 15. CalOSHA will consider revising workplace requirements for vaccinated workers. The following is being deliberated but is all preliminary: dropping requirements for masks when everyone in a room is fully vaccinated and has no symptoms. If not everyone is vaccinated, then all will need to mask. To implement this, employers would likely have to obtain a worker's vaccination records. The law allows employers to require/request this information.

Chair Andersen mentioned that, yesterday, Santa Clara County decided to implement separate guidelines from the State. She asked Dr. Warne if Contra Costa will do likewise. Dr. Warne said the County will decide on revised guidelines once new State and Cal OSHA guidelines have been promulgated. He noted that the County hasn't placed stricter limits than the State and will likely not do so going forward.

Dr. Warne discussed "breakthrough" cases, where COVID was contracted by a fully vaccinated person. He reported 212 breakthrough cases in our county over 4 months. These cases were a mix of 2/3 symptomatic and 1/3 asymptomatic persons. Out of more than 500,000 fully vaccinated people, the incidence of breakthrough cases has been very low. In contrast, there were 25,000 breakthrough cases among partially vaccinated people. He estimated that the vaccine provides a 99% reduction in infections.

Among the fully vaccinated breakthrough cases, six people were hospitalized, and 1 person died. The person who died was elderly and already in hospice for other reasons.

The County's data team continues to refine data for public.

Dr. Warne discussed what role CCHS will have beginning June 16 and beyond. CCHS will continue to be a resource going forward to provide guidance/interpretation, and will continue to coordinate testing and vaccination, contact tracing, and other aspects of the County response.

Regarding singing and chanting at religious/cultural services, he said that music performance is allowed and is not dependent on vaccination status. Performers can

perform without masks but he strongly recommends even greater social distancing in that circumstance.

He cannot predict with certainty what the State's post-June 15 guidance will be regarding parades/festivals but "mega events" do pose greater risk. The State Blueprint restrictions will be lifted after June 15, returning to business as usual for most sectors. He expects that limitations on capacity, types of activities, social distancing and extra masking requirements will mostly go away. Overarching guidelines such as for masking will be roughly consistent with CDC guidance. Domestic/international travel will be in accordance with CDC guidance. He expects separate guidance will be promulgated for schools, facilitative of reopening in the fall.

The exception to business as usual will be mega-events, which are defined as those having a daily attendance of more than 5, 000 indoors and 10,000 outdoors. Such events may include conventions, concerts, sporting events, music/food festivals, fairs, and parades. It is contemplated that admission to such events will be conditioned upon proof of full vaccination or a recent negative test result, plus no virus symptoms. Dr. Warne has no further details currently but noted that local public health officials and business leaders have input into the decision-making.

Chair Andersen invited public comment/questions:

- Unidentified Caller: spoke to a court injunction, ruling that the State cannot regulate churches for COVID. OSHA said if employer requires the workers be vaccinated, they may be liable for any vaccine complications of workers. Dr. Warne said he could not speak to the issue of liability. Santa Clara County is not requiring its employees to get vaccinated but merely to report if they have been vaccinated, to determine what to do if there is an exposure. State policies may be applied differently based on the vaccination status of a group. Chair Andersen said that vaccination status is not protected information under HIPAA but a person may choose to withhold this information, in which case it will be assumed that he/she is unvaccinated for purposes of applying policies or tracing outbreaks.*
- Todd Trimble asked about restrictions on food truck events. Dr. Warne expects that, after June 15, food truck events will likely not be restricted assuming they meet all other regulatory and licensing requirements. Until June 15, these events are not permitted.*
- Jared Thompson asked about home-based religious fellowship involving a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated people and any requirements or recommendations regarding religious services for children. Chair Andersen clarified that, considering the Supreme Court ruling, the guidance are recommendations and no longer requirements. For the safety and well-being of congregants, the County still recommends masking and social distancing. Dr. Warne said the social gathering guidance for Orange Tier is recommended for home fellowship.*
- Jay Lipson asked about large events, such as one planned for the City of Lafayette, which is expected to attract more than 10,000 people and will be outdoors. He asked how the new guidance will apply when total attendance will be 10,000 but not all at one time, with people coming and going throughout the day. He complained that inconsistency between local and CDC guidelines is*

causing confusion. Dr. Warne clarified that the rule will likely be applied according to the daily attendance number. If the daily attendance will exceed 10,000, then mega-event restrictions will apply.

4. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the April 15, 2021 meeting.

The Committee approved the record of action for the April 15, 2021 meeting as presented.

AYE: Chair Candace Andersen, Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff
Passed

5. The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 17, 2021.

Chair Andersen announced that the Committee would publish an agenda for a June 17, 2021 meeting but may cancel depending on the Governor's actions expected in mid-June. Staff will send notifications if the meeting gets canceled.

6. Adjourn

Chair Andersen adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

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**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE
AD HOC COVID CTE MEETING
5-20-21**

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