

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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Subcommittee Report

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3.

Meeting Date: 05/20/2021

Subject: COVID 19 UPDATES AND DISCUSSION ON PROSPECTS FOR
HOLDING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EVENTS IN 2021

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 23 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 vaccinating youths and what may happen after June 15, the date Governor Newsom predicted he would authorize 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. County Superintendent of Schools Lynn Mackey may be available to provide an update on local school openings and respond to questions.

The most significant developments since our last meeting on April 15, 2021 are:

- The County, on April 24, met its goal of administering over one million vaccine doses by

May 31.

- Bay Area Health Officers, on April 25, approved resumption of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine for all adults.
- The CDC, on April 29, issued new outdoor mask guidance for fully vaccinated people, excusing them from wearing a mask in most outdoor public settings.
- The County began offering drop-in vaccination at all its COVID vaccination sites as of May 7.
- Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine was [authorized by the FDA](#) for people aged 12-15. It was found to be safe and effective in protecting children as young as 12 in clinical trials. However, people 12 to 15-years-old cannot schedule appointments or stop by vaccine sites until the CDC and the State approve it for this age group.
- Governor Newsom provided more clarity to his post- June 15 plan, announcing that if certain thresholds are met, then outdoor masking mandates will be relaxed to guidelines or recommendations. He predicted that California will look similar to pre-pandemic times, with no restrictions on businesses, large or small. The criteria for moving beyond the Blueprint are:
 - 1. Equitable vaccine availability: If vaccine supply is sufficient for Californians 16 years or older who wish to be inoculated.
 - 2. Consistently low burden of disease: Hospitalizations are stable and low, and specifically, hospitalizations among fully vaccinated individuals are low.
- The County, on May 14, announced it will host free vaccine clinics at selected public school campuses, with no appointments required.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), on May 13, eased mask-wearing guidance for fully vaccinated people, saying that fully vaccinated people need only wear masks in crowded indoor settings like buses, planes, and hospitals..

What happens beyond the Blueprint?

From the California Department of Public Health on April 6, 2021: When California fully reopens the economy, the state will move beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Common-sense health measures such as masking will remain across the state. Testing or vaccination verification requirements will remain in relevant settings. Additionally:

- All sectors listed in the current [Blueprint Activities and Business Tiers Chart](#) may return to usual operations in compliance with ETS/Cal OSHA and other statewide agency guidelines and standards with limited public health restrictions, such as masking, testing, and testing or vaccination verification requirements for large-scale higher-risk events. In addition, the following restrictions apply (via a narrow public health order):
 - Unless testing or vaccination status is verified for all attendees, conventions will be capped at 5,000 persons until October 1.
 - International convention attendees will only be allowed if fully vaccinated.
- Schools and institutions of higher education should conduct full-time, in person instruction, in compliance with Cal/OSHA emergency temporary standards and public health guidelines.
- Workplaces promote policies that reduce risk, including improved indoor ventilation, and mask wearing in indoor and other high-risk settings as well as remote work when possible without impacting business operations.
- Californians and travelers will be subject to any current CDPH and CDC travel restrictions.

California will also need to maintain the public health and medical infrastructure in these five

priority areas:

1. Continue to provide vaccinations and be prepared for the vaccination of Californians under 16 years old. It is critical that vaccines remain effective against circulating strains.
2. Conduct equity-focused monitoring and surveillance by maintaining adequate testing capacity and strategies for the early detection of cases including variants via genomic sequencing.
3. Contain disease spread through timely investigation of cases, contacts, and outbreaks.
4. Maintain a statewide plan to scale up resources for isolation or quarantine.
5. Monitor hospital admissions and maintain adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) and healthcare surge capacity that can be easily mobilized.

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 vaccination framework and DISCUSS prospects for holding public and private events in the County in 2021.

Attachments

Openings at a Glance 4-7-21

Contra Costa County Moving to Orange Tier 4-6-21

Governor's Plan to Move Beyond the Blueprint 4-6-21

Blueprint for a Safer Economy Activity and Business Tiers Upd 4-2-21

Minutes Attachments

No file(s) attached.

Contra Costa County Openings at a Glance

In all cases, social distancing & face coverings are required.
For sector specific guidelines, visit covid19.ca.gov.

Open ✓ Closed ✗

Athletic Fields	✓
Automobile & Bicycle Repair	✓
Bars (outdoors with modifications, no meal required)	✓
Breweries, Wineries & Distilleries (max 25% capacity indoors or 100 people, whichever is fewer)	✓
Campgrounds, RV Parks & Outdoor Recreation Facilities	✓
Car Washes	✓
Cardrooms, Satellite Wagering Sites & Racetracks (max 25% capacity indoors)	✓
Childcare Facilities & Activities	✓
Construction	✓
Dental Care	✓
Family Entertainment Centers (max 25% capacity indoors)	✓
Financial Institutions	✓
Funeral Homes, Mortuaries & Cemeteries	✓
Gas Stations	✓
Golf Courses	✓
Government Services	✓
Grocery & Other Food Stores	✓
Gyms & Fitness Centers (max 25% capacity indoors)	✓
Hair Salons & Barbershops	✓
Healthcare, Pharmacies & Medical Supply	✓
Higher Education (max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer, for indoor lectures & student gatherings. Some courses in indoor settings may be open at regular capacity.)	✓
Hotels & Short-Term Rentals	✓
Laundromats	✓
Libraries (curbside pickup)	✓
Live-Audience Sports & Performances (max 33% capacity, in-state visitors only)	✓
Logging & Mining	✓
Logistics & Warehousing Facilities	✓
Manufacturing	✓
Movie Theaters (max 50% capacity indoors or 200 people, whichever is fewer)	✓
Museums & Exhibit Spaces (max 50% capacity indoors)	✓
Music, Television & Film Production	✓
Nail Salons	✓

Office Workspaces (telework strongly encouraged)	✓
Parks (including picnic & BBQ areas & playgrounds)	✓
Personal Care Services (massage, facials, waxing, electrolysis, tattooing, permanent makeup & piercing etc.)	✓
Places of Worship & Cultural Ceremonies (max 50% capacity indoors)	✓
Indoor Playgrounds (max 25% capacity)	✓
Outdoor Playgrounds	✓
Public & Private Transportation Services	✓
Public Events & Gatherings	✗
Real Estate	✓
Recreational Sports (some outdoor low-contact sports allowed. Higher-contact outdoor sports may be allowed, subject to additional requirements . Competition between a max of 2 teams for select non-contact sports allowed)	✓
Residential & Commercial Maintenance Services	✓
Restaurants (max 50% capacity indoors or 200 people, whichever is fewer)	✓
Retailers	✓
K-12 Schools (must follow opening guidelines)	✓
Saunas & Steam Rooms	✗
Shooting & Archery Ranges	✓
Shopping Malls (closed common areas, 50% capacity food courts)	✓
Skate Parks	✓
Small Group Gatherings (outdoors encouraged, max 3 households)	✓
Spas / hot tubs (outdoors only)	✓
Swimming Pools (max 25% capacity indoors)	✓
Tennis & Pickleball Courts	✓
Theme Parks & Amusement Parks (max 25% capacity, in-state visitors only)	✓
Utilities	✓
Veterinary Care, Groomers & Dog Parks	✓



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The State of California announced today that Contra Costa County will be able to move into the less restrictive Orange Tier of the State's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) (<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>) on Wednesday, April 7.

Contra Costa County currently has a [COVID case-rate](#) (<https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/overview>) of 4.9 cases per 100,000 people and an overall testing-rate positivity of 1.8% (and 3% for the health equity metric). [COVID-related hospitalizations](#) (<https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/hospital>) are down to their lowest point since October. Meanwhile, nearly 500,000 county residents are at least partially [vaccinated](#) (<https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/vaccine-dashboard>).

It has been five months since the last time the county qualified for the Orange Tier.

"This is great news for our community," said Diane

Burgis, chair of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. “The last few months have been difficult for everyone and it’s nice to see us make more progress in the fight against COVID.”

Contra Costa Health Officer Dr. Chris Farnitano said people should not let down their guard yet. He noted that case rates have plateaued recently, suggesting a slowdown in the recovery. “We are still in a pandemic and people should continue to act accordingly: Keep wearing masks in public and get vaccinated as soon as you can. I still strongly recommend people to avoid most indoor activities with people outside of their own household until they are fully vaccinated,” Dr. Farnitano said.

Last week, Contra Costa extended vaccine eligibility to everyone ages 16 and over who lives, works or goes to school in the county. Currently, people between the ages of 16-49 must schedule appointments through Contra Costa Health Services at cchealth.org/coronavirus ([/coronavirus/](https://cchealth.org/coronavirus)) or by calling 833-829-2626. Other healthcare providers, including the state’s MyTurn system, do not yet offer vaccine to people below the age of 50.

Starting Wednesday, April 7 several business sectors and community services can reopen or expand capacity:

- Amusement parks: Overall park capacity and indoor capacity will be limited to 25%, including indoor dining.
- Bars: Outdoors with modifications; no meals required to be served
- Breweries, Distilleries, and Wineries: Indoors at 25% maximum capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer; no meals required to be served
- Family entertainment centers: Indoors for naturally distanced activities like bowling, escape rooms, and billiards; 25% maximum capacity
- Gyms, fitness centers and studios (including at hotels): 25% maximum capacity and indoor pools are permitted; Indoor hot tubs, saunas, and steam

rooms continue to be closed

- Movie Theaters: 50% maximum capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer encouraged
- Outdoor sports and live performances with fans/attendees: Up to 33% and with advanced reservations only. Concession sales will be primarily in-seat (no concourse sales). Designated indoor seated dining area capacity will be limited to 25%. Attendance will be limited to in-state spectators and guests must attest their reserved seats are only for one household.
- Places of worship: 50% maximum capacity
- Restaurants: 50% maximum capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer
- Retail: Open indoors with modifications and food courts permitted with indoor dining restrictions

Contra Costa County must remain in the Orange Tier for at least three weeks before moving into the next, less restrictive yellow tier.

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Governor Newsom Outlines the State's Next Step in the COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery, Moving Beyond the Blueprint

Published: Apr 06, 2021

California has administered 20 million vaccines, including 4 million to the hardest-hit communities

State aims to fully reopen on June 15, will continue to require masking and encourage all Californians to get vaccinated

SACRAMENTO – As California surpasses a major milestone in the fight against COVID — administering more than 20 million vaccine doses, including 4 million in the state's hardest-hit communities, and with hospitalizations continuing to steadily decline — Governor Gavin Newsom today outlined the state's next step in the COVID-19 pandemic recovery, moving beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

On June 15, California will fully open its economy if two criteria are met:

- If vaccine supply is sufficient for Californians 16 years and older who wish to be inoculated; and
- If hospitalization rates are stable and low

Everyday activities will be allowed and businesses can open with common-sense risk reduction measures, including encouraging all Californians to get vaccinated and mandating masking, to prevent illness and promote health. The state will continue contact tracing and testing to detect cases early and contain spread of the virus. The entire state will move into this new phase as a whole. The state will monitor hospitalization rates, vaccine access and vaccine efficacy against variants, with the option to revisit the June 15 date if needed.

“With more than 20 million vaccines administered across the state, it is time to turn the page on our tier system and begin looking to fully reopen California's economy,” said Governor Newsom. “We can now begin planning for our lives post-pandemic. We will need to remain vigilant, and continue the practices that got us here – wearing masks and getting vaccinated – but the light at the end of this tunnel has never been brighter.”

“California has made incredible progress controlling the spread of COVID-19 by staying home, masking, and getting vaccines out quickly to Californians in every corner of the state, including in those communities hardest hit by this pandemic,” said California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. “In order to take the next step, we must continue to do our part to keep this momentum moving in the right direction, and that means continuing to wear a mask and ensuring everyone who is eligible gets the vaccine.”

When California fully reopens the economy, the Blueprint for a Safer Economy will end. However, common-sense health measures such as masking will remain across the state. Testing or vaccination verification requirements will remain in relevant settings.

For more information on the state's move beyond the Blueprint, click [here](#).

All sectors listed in the current Blueprint for a Safer Economy grid may return to usual operations in compliance with Cal/OSHA requirements and with common-sense public health policies in place, such as required masking, testing and with vaccinations encouraged. Large-scale indoor events, such as conventions, will be allowed to occur with testing or vaccination verification requirements.

California is able to reopen fully and safely because of our commitment to the equitable distribution of vaccines. Today, the state reached a total of 4 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered to Californians in some of the state's hardest-hit communities, less than a month after delivering 2 million doses to these communities. The state, in partnership with local government, health care providers and community-based organizations, will continue its extensive efforts to get eligible Californians vaccinated, including its support of expanded hours and access through community clinics and providers, public education campaign, and support for community-based strategies such as canvassing. Equity continues to be the focus of our vaccine efforts, especially as we prepare to fully reopen.

On March 4, Governor Gavin Newsom [announced](#) that the state had set aside 40 percent of vaccine doses for the hardest-hit communities and established an equity metric to increase vaccinations in those communities. Doing so recognizes that the pandemic did not affect California communities equally. Forty percent of COVID cases and deaths have occurred in the lowest quartile of the Healthy Places Index (HPI), which provides overall scores and data that predict life expectancy and compares community conditions that shape health across the state.

California continues to plan for the vaccination of Californians under 16 years of age, protection against new variants and continued tracking and containment of spread. The state stands ready to mobilize additional resources if there is an increase in cases.

###

Blueprint for a Safer Economy

Activity and Business Tiers

April 2, 2021

SECTORS	Tier 1 Widespread (Case Rate >7 and Test Positivity >8%)	Tier 2 Substantial (Case Rate 4-7 and Test Positivity 5-8%)	Tier 3 Moderate (Case Rate 1-3.9 and Test Positivity 2-4.9%)	Tier 4 Minimal (Case Rate <1 and Test Positivity <2%)
Post 2 million doses administered in first Healthy Places Index quartile	CR >10	CR 4-10	CR 1-3.9	CR <1
Post 4 million doses administered in first Healthy Places Index quartile	CR >10	CR 6-10	CR 2-5.9	CR <2
Critical Infrastructure	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications
Gatherings * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social, informal gatherings - No defined guest list required - No testing or vaccination required 	Current: Outdoor gatherings only with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 3 households Effective April 15, 2021 Outdoor only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 3 households 	Current: Indoor gatherings strongly discouraged, allowed with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 3 households Effective April 15, 2021 Outdoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 25 people Indoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor gatherings strongly discouraged, allowed with modifications (no food/drink except when following the standards in the guidance) 	Current: Indoor gatherings strongly discouraged, allowed with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 3 households Effective April 15, 2021 Outdoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 50 people Indoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor gatherings strongly discouraged, allowed with modifications (no food/drink except when following the standards in the guidance) 	Current: Indoor gatherings strongly discouraged, allowed with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 3 households Effective April 15, 2021 Outdoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 100 people Indoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor gatherings strongly discouraged, allowed with modifications (no food/drink except when following the standards in the guidance)

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Post 2 million doses administered in first Healthy Places Index quartile	CR >10	CR 4-10	CR 1-3.9	CR <1
Post 4 million doses administered in first Healthy Places Index quartile	CR >10	CR 6-10	CR 2-5.9	CR <2
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity in settings where capacity limits exist and up to 3 households or 10 people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity in settings where capacity limits exists or 25 people or whichever is fewer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity in settings where capacity limits exist or 50 people or whichever is fewer
Private Events ** (meetings/receptions/ conferences) Required mitigation measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchased tickets or defined guest list - Seating chart/Assigned seating - Testing and vaccination can increase capacity - No intermingling of multiple private events 	Effective April 15, 2021 Outdoor only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 25 people • If all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination: Max 100 	Effective April 15, 2021 Outdoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of 50 people • If all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination: Max 200 Indoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination: Max 100 people 	Effective April 15, 2021 Outdoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of 100 people • If all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination: Max 300 Indoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination: Max 150 people 	Effective April 15, 2021 Outdoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of 200 people • If all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination: Max 400 Indoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination: Max 200 people

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Post 4 million doses administered in first Healthy Places Index quartile	CR >10	CR 6-10	CR 2-5.9	CR <2
Indoor Seated Live Events and Performances **	Closed	<p>Effective April 15, 2021:</p> <p>All venues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-state visitors only, check for current CDPH Travel Advisory in effect Weekly worker testing program All tickets delivered digital, advanced purchase only Pre-designated eating area (no eating/drinking allowed in seats) – 6 feet of distance. Suites 25% capacity, max three households. <p>Venues: 0-1,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 10% or 100 people 25% if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination 	<p>Effective April 15, 2021</p> <p>All venues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-state visitors only, check for current CDPH Travel Advisory in effect Weekly worker testing program All tickets delivered digital, advanced purchase only Pre-designated eating area (no eating/drinking allowed in seats) – 6 feet of distance. Suites 25% capacity, max three households. <p>Venues: 0-1,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 15% or 200 people 35% if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination 	<p>Effective April 15, 2021</p> <p>All venues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-state visitors only, check for current CDPH Travel Advisory in effect Weekly worker testing program All tickets delivered digital, advanced purchase only Pre-designated eating area (no eating/drinking allowed in seats) – 6 feet of distance. Suites 25% capacity, max three households. <p>Venues: 0-1,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 25% or 300 people 50% if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination

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Post 4 million doses administered in first Healthy Places Index quartile	CR >10	CR 6-10	CR 2-5.9	CR <2
		Venues: 1,501 and above <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination 	Venues: 1,501 and above <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10% capacity or 2000, whatever is fewer; with modifications, and no eating/drinking 35% if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination 	Venues: 1,501 and above <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10% capacity or 2000, whatever is fewer; with modifications, and no eating/drinking 50% if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination
Limited Services	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications
Outdoor Playgrounds & Outdoor Recreational Facilities	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications
Hair Salons & Barbershops	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications
All Retail (including critical infrastructure, except standalone grocers)	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity 	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications

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Shopping Centers (Malls, Destination Centers, Swap Meets)	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 25% capacity • Closed common areas • Closed food courts 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 50% capacity • Closed common areas • Reduced capacity food courts (see restaurants) 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed common areas • Reduced capacity food courts (see restaurants) 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced capacity food courts (see restaurants)
Personal Care Services	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications
Museums, Zoos, and Aquariums	Outdoor only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor activities max 25% capacity 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor activities max 50% capacity 	Open indoors with modifications
Places of Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor encouraged • Indoor strongly discouraged, allowed with modifications • Max 25% capacity 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 25% capacity 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 50% capacity 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 50% capacity
Movie Theaters	Outdoor only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 50% capacity

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Post 4 million doses administered in first Healthy Places Index quartile	CR >10	CR 6-10	CR 2-5.9	CR <2
Hotels and Lodging	Open with modifications	Open with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +Fitness centers (+10%) 	Open with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +Fitness centers (+25%) +Indoor pools 	Open with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +Fitness Centers (50%) +Spa facilities etc.
Gyms and Fitness Centers	Outdoor only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 10% capacity +Climbing walls 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity +Indoor pools 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity +Saunas +Steam rooms
Restaurants	Outdoor only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity
Wineries, Breweries and Distilleries	Outdoor only with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reservations 90-minute time limit Seating/tables only Limited hours (service for on-site consumption closed by 8 pm) 	Outdoor only with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reservations 90-minute time limit Seating/tables only Limited hours (service for on-site consumption closed by 8 pm) 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity indoors, or 100 people, whichever is fewer 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity or 200 people indoors, whichever is fewer

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Bars (where no meal provided; follow restaurant guidance where meal is provided)	Closed	Closed	Open outdoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity indoors, or 100 people, whichever is fewer
Family Entertainment Centers ***	Outdoor only with modifications	Outdoor only with modifications	Indoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity 50% if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination With modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% masking except for food and beverage service Food/beverage consumption must be restricted to designated areas separated from activity area Service of alcohol without meals must follow bar guidance (outdoor only) 	Indoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity 75% if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination With modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% masking except for food and beverage service Food/beverage consumption must be restricted to designated areas separated from activity area

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Cardrooms, Satellite Wagering	Outdoor only with modifications	Outdoor only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity
Offices	Remote	Remote	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage telework 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage telework
Outdoor Live Events with Assigned Seats and Controlled Mixing (e.g., sports and live performances)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 people or fewer Regional visitors (120 miles) Advanced reservations only No concessions or concourse sales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 20%, includes suites with 25% occupancy per suite and suites no more than 3 households Weekly worker testing program In-state visitors only, check for current CDPH Travel Advisory in effect Advanced reservations only Primarily in-seat concessions (no concourse sales) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 33%, includes suites with 25% occupancy per suite Weekly worker testing program In-state visitors only, check for current CDPH Travel Advisory in effect Primarily in-seat concessions (no concourse sales) Max 67% if all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 67%, includes suites with 25% occupancy per suite In-state visitors only, check for current CDPH Travel Advisory in effect Primarily in-seat concessions (no concourse sales)

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Amusement Parks/ Fairs ****	Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 15% • Small Groups - Max 10 people or 3 household groups with no intergroup mixing • Indoor capacity max 15% with time restrictions • No indoor dining • Weekly worker testing program • In-state visitors only, check for current CDPH Travel Advisory in effect • Online ticket purchases only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 25% • Indoor capacity max 25% with time restrictions • Weekly worker testing program • With other modifications • In-state visitors only, check for current CDPH Travel Advisory in effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 35% • Indoor capacity max 25% with time restrictions • Weekly worker testing program • With other modifications • In-state visitors only, check for current CDPH Travel Advisory in effect
Overnight Sleepaway Camps *****	Closed	Effective June 1, 2021: Open with modifications	Effective June 1, 2021: Open with modifications	Effective June 1, 2021: Open with modifications

Updated on April 2, 2021:

*Updated Gatherings effective April 15, 2021

**Added private events and indoor seated live events and performances effective April 15, 2021

***Updated Family Entertainment Centers

****Added Fairs to Amusement Parks

Updated on March 11, 2021:

*****Regardless of trigger being met, these activities (overnight sleepaway camps) cannot begin any sooner than June 1, 2021.



Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY

4.

Meeting Date: 05/20/2021

Subject: RECORD OF ACTION FOR APRIL 15, 2021 MEETING

Submitted For: Monica Nino, County Administrator

Department: County Administrator

Referral No.:

Referral Name:

Presenter: Julie DiMaggio Enea

Contact: Julie DiMaggio Enea
(925) 655-2056

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 April 15, 2021 meeting.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

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

Fiscal Impact (if any):

No fiscal impact.

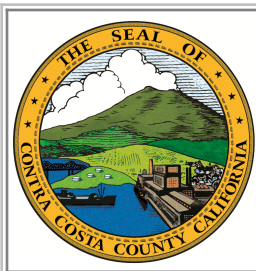
Attachments

DRAFT Record of Action for the April 15, 2021 Meeting

Meeting Attendees 4-15-21

Minutes Attachments

No file(s) attached.



AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY

THE RECORD OF ACTION FOR
APRIL 15, 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 welcomed everyone, provided some brief COVID updates, explained the format for the meeting, and introduced the Committee and Dr. Warne. See attached list of meeting attendees.

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 Agenda 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 introduced himself as a primary care physician at the West County Health Center and also public health communicable disease.

He announced that there were many new updates from State and on the vaccine front. He reviewed the County's COVID data dashboard and reported good news in terms of our trajectory and success in controlling the virus. He contrasted California with the Northeast and Midwest U.S., Canada, and other parts of the world that have gone back under lockdowns due to coronavirus variants.

California has been more conservative in terms of lifting restrictions and it has paid off, as we are in a much better situation so far by not having a new wave of infections.

Contra Costa's case rate is 5.9 and has been flat as compared to a rate of 62 during the winter surge. Our positivity rate is 1.8% and trending down; our equity metric is 2.5%. Last week, Contra Costa County graduated to the Orange Tier.

Cumulative cases number 66,750, adding about 1,000 last week, but the increase in cases has slowed to 60-100 cases per day, down from 1,000 cases per day in January.

Virus hot spots are El Sobrante, Rodeo, Bay Point, Antioch and Crockett, but San Pablo is no longer in the highest spot.

The County is still doing a lot of testing, about 4,000-8000 daily, M-Th.. There are still cases of infections in people who have been vaccinated, so it is important to continue to test and take precautions.

There have been 767 deaths but none since early April.

Hospitalizations currently number 35, the 7-day average is 32 as compared to a previous high of 300. ICUs are not substantially impacted right now. About 10% of ICU cases right now are coronavirus.

Total cases for Long Term Care facilities is 3,383, hospitalizations of 576, deaths numbered 319. Current outbreaks of five, down from 55 during the surge.

875,000 doses of vaccine have been administered in our county, close to the goal of one million. Total first doses of 61% of eligible population or 566,000 doses. 37% or 342,000 have been fully vaccinated. 12,000-17,000 doses administered per day. Capacity is there but supply has been limited.

90%+ of the 65 and older population has been vaccinated. Dr. Warne is hoping for a good uptick in all age bands. Last week, the County just opened to 16+ age band a week ahead of the State.

Dr. Warne acknowledged a continuing equity gap, with lower rates of vaccination in Latino and Black Americans. The gap is driving much of CCHS's efforts in providing mobile teams and pop-up clinics, working with community ambassadors.

The Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine has been paused due to concerns about safety due to occurrence of Cerebral Sinovenous Thrombosis (CSVT, blood clots). This is a very rare reaction but has happened more commonly following the J&J vaccine than in the general population. Six persons out of 6 million have had this condition following a J&J vaccination. Out of caution, it is being paused for further investigation. It has been only a small part of Contra Costa's vaccination program. Out of 120 doses, only 7% was planned to be J&J so, relatively, a small percent of total. Contra Costa has administered 13,000 J&J doses; there have been some side effects but not CSVT. Questions should be referred to individual health care providers or County hotlines.

Dr. Warne said the County has invested resources in reducing barriers to vaccination by rolling out mobile clinics, available April 15-25 in Richmond, Antioch, Pittsburg, and Concord, and starting trials of walkup clinics. Open scheduling is now available on the County's website.

New state guidance documents and updated blueprint tiers have been released with

changes for gatherings and fully vaccinated people.

For fully vaccinated people doing non-work activities: they can spend time indoors with other fully vaccinated people without wearing masks or socially distancing. Vaccinated people can spend time indoors with unvaccinated people if the individuals are otherwise low-risk and limited to one other household. Vaccinated people are no longer required to quarantine unless they themselves are experiencing COVID symptoms. Vaccinated people should continue to take precautions in public such as masking and physically distancing and need to follow CDPH guidance for gatherings.

Dr. Warne provided a comprehensive review the April 2 State Blueprint for a Safer Economy, effective April 15, which has been substantially expanded for the Orange Tier.

[view-source:https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/#tier-assignments](https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/#tier-assignments)

Social gathering indoors is discouraged in favor of outdoor gathering. Food and drink should be limited to outdoor gatherings. High-risk individuals should continue to avoid gatherings.

Dr. Warne responded to questions asked in advance of the meeting:

- Can communities have movies/concerts in the park this summer? Yes, if they conform to the state guidance, e.g., masking, no serving of food, separation between households.*
- As businesses start to reopen, will offices whose employees are all vaccinated have different guidance than offices where some employees are not vaccinated? There is no information about that right now and we are not anticipating differing guidance.*
- Under the new guidelines, can a local service club or group meet indoors and outdoors at a restaurant? Will they still need to distance if they all show proof of vaccination? There is separate guidance for private events and restaurants, so groups meeting at restaurants must comply with both.*
- Is Contra Costa County contemplating creating its own vaccine passport? Would such a passport allow unfettered travel? Can services be denied for lack of a passport? Would passports be free? These are policies to be decided at the national/state level and involve huge issues in terms of equity and autonomy. There are circumstances where certain venues/events may open only to persons who have been vaccinated or who have recently tested with a negative result.*
- What is the status of vaccinating homebound seniors? The County is working through IHSS and other agencies to get mobile teams out to homes to vaccinate homebound people.*
- Do we anticipate changes in church guidelines? See the State Blueprint for updated guidelines. Recommendation of maximum 50% capacity. Not a requirement, just a recommendation.*
- For an outdoor/live event under 1,500 persons, will there be a requirement for masking and vaccination? No but there will be capacity restrictions: without vaccination would be 33%, with vaccination would be 67% capacity.*
- Will outdoor festivals of 15,000+ be allowed after June 15? Cannot predict, but*

Dr. Warne expects that masking would still be required.

- Cohort size and childcare centers? Formerly a maximum of 14 persons in Purple Tier. Under Orange, guidance is to keep cohorts as small and stable as possible but no set number is prescribed in the guidance.*
- Condo Association, 32 units, self-managed, includes laundry, great room, craft room, guest rooms. Can multiple households use the common facilities and under what restrictions? Can nonresidents use the facilities? Yes, within the available state guidance. Dr. Warne recommends they follow indoor gatherings guidance and post signage with capacity rules. Condo board can set stricter requirements but not less strict than state guidance.*
- When can we expect to see self-serve food/beverage dispensers in convenience stores? Currently not allowed but continue to watch state guidance or call the State COVID hotline.*

Chair Andersen invited public comment. Dr. Warne responded to questions asked in during the meeting:

- Mike McDermott: (1) CDC reduced social distancing to 3 ft for classrooms and schools. Contra Costa's 6 ft requirement is arbitrary; in other counties, it is set at 1 meter or 3 feet. (2) Will children, who have not been eligible for vaccination be excluded from events? Response: Dr. Warne said the social distancing guidance for schools was very important and there were extensive studies done to determine a safe distance. For the CDC to reduce the distancing for other activities, further study would be required. For certain events, those who are not vaccinated would need to show that they tested negatively. Children under two years of age do not need to be tested.*
- Kolette Simonton: When will County Health allow food trucks or grab and go food service? In 2020, it fell under Farmer's Market. (2) Will there be more specific guidelines for senior centers? Response: These activities are permitted under the updated guidance. CCC Environmental Health will need to determine how the guidance applies to food trucks. Senior Centers would operate under informal social gathering setting, which might limit capacity to 25 people or 25%.*
- Kids at Work: Preschool community cannot meet demands for childcare with restrictions on cohorts. Recommends increase to cohort numbers. Response: Cohorts were only limited to 14 under the Purple Tier. No specific limit is specified under the Orange Tier.*
- Rob Goldstein on behalf of Kiwanas of San Ramon Valley: Danville July 4 parade doesn't seem likely but how about Labor Day in September? Response: Cannot predict, but unlikely.*
- Devon Darner: Question about cohort sizes because Contra Costa's website site still limits cohort size to 14. Response: Cohorts were only limited to 14 under the Purple Tier. No specific limit is specified under the Orange Tier. Contra Costa website will be updated.*
- Cieli: Regarding festivals, how can we plan and anticipate what will be allowed? Response: We must track the State guidance and plan as best we can.*
- Tina Sherwin: What is the status of FDA approval of the COVID vaccines? Emergency use authorization, not FDA approved. Response: Moderna and Pfizer are submitting data to the FDA.*
- Tim Morgan: 1600 homes, outdoor pools, will it be possible that pool restrictions*

will be lifted as in Alameda County? Response: Dr. Warne referred to campgrounds and outdoor recreation applies to pools. Rules haven't changed substantially other than for groups that are fully vaccinated. Chair Andersen interjected that Alameda County now defers to the State guidelines.

- *Brenda Brown: Childcare cohorts, we need to see restrictions, if any, in writing. Tier ratios would be clearer and preferred. Response: Cohorts were only limited to 14 under the Purple Tier. No specific limit is specified under the Orange Tier.*
- *Kara Klotchman: Produces events for Downtown Martinez, confusion among farmer's market, maker's market, flea markets. What is allowed in terms of crafters? Also looking for guidelines on wine/beer strolls. Response: Unable to respond regarding crafters. Wine/beer strolls would be somewhat constrained in numbers under social gathering guidance.*
- *Jay Lipsen: Nonprofit fundraising events. Any idea about what future changes will take place at state level? Vaccination passports and all the attendant civil liberties issues? Response: The County has backed away from having separate regulations from the State. The County is now synchronized with the State. After June 15, County will likely defer to State guidance, whatever that will be. Bay Area counties provide input to the State.*

Vice Chair Mitchoff advised that County staff is working to update the County website regarding preschool cohort size.

Dr. Warne clarified that the County will follow the state guidance concerning cohort size.

4. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the March 18, 2021 meeting.

The Committee approved the record of action for the March 18, 2021 meeting as presented.

AYE: Chair Candace Andersen, Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff
Passed

5. The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 20, 2021.
6. Adjourn

Chair Andersen commented that she is optimistic about the County's COVID status and adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND RECOVERY
APRIL 15, 2021**

Caller 1	Gayle Israel	kmoraga
Caller 2	Gina Dawson (Gina Dawson)	Kolette Simonton
Caller 3	Hannah Robbins	Kristin Connelly
Caller 4	Heather Schiffman# Contra Costa AOR	LSAD DELANEY
Caller 5	Heather Vilhauer (she/her)	Lauren
Caller 6	Henry Perezalonso	Ichow
Caller 7	Holly Higgins	Leah Rosenthal-Kambic (LeahRK)
Adam Chow	Holly Sonne - Lafayette Chamber	Lia Bristol
Alicia Gallo	Ivy Summers	Lianna
Andrew Hubbard	Jay Bedecarre - Bay Area Festivals	Linda Olvera
Angela Fantuzzi	jay hoyer	Lindsey Bruno City of Oakley
Ann Tancioco	Jay Lifson	Maile Ogasawara Garcia
Anne O	JD (Jim Daggs)	margaret.jacobs
Betsy White	jdp (jenniferperry)	Melissa Cady
Brad Morris (Brad Morris# Parks and Community Services)	jean Clark	Michael Fanelli - City of San Ramon (Nathan Fanelli)
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