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The state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy Plan

On August 28th Governor Newsom presented the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy Plan, which will replace the state's county data monitoring plan. The new plan takes effect today. The blueprint is a four tiered system:

- Purple (Widespread): Most restrictive
- Red (Substantial)
- Orange (Moderate)
- Yellow (Minimal): Least restrictive

Based on recent data, each county will fall into one of four colored tiers. That color will indicate how sectors (businesses and activities) can operate. The state has initially placed Plumas County in the Orange tier. This means restaurants can open indoors with 50% capacity and bars can open outdoors with modifications. You can go to <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> for a full list of sectors and current industry guidance. All business are encouraged to go to state's website on guidance for opening safely, as Plumas County does not have the resources to work with each business in our community.

The data that determines which tier a county falls is based on two leading health metrics: number of cases per 100,000 residents and percentage of COVID-19 tests that come back positive. A county cannot move from a more restrictive tier to a less restrictive tier until the county has been on that tier for at least 21 days, even if the case number and positivity rates decrease. Since Plumas County is on the orange tier, we cannot move to yellow until we have been on orange for a minimum of 21 days and we must meet the yellow tier criteria for two consecutive weeks. Plumas County can move to a more restrictive tier; such as red, if Plumas County is unable to meet the criteria for the orange tier for two consecutive weeks then Plumas County will be placed on the red tier and business will have to modify their operations to the restriction of the red tier. The data is updated every Tuesday, starting next week.

Plumas County has worked hard to slow the spread of COVID-19 and safely re-open many businesses. It took everyone doing their part. At this critical time, an increase in cases or an increase in our positivity rate will move Plumas County into a more restrictive tier, which will affect our local businesses and activities. We can protect ourselves and our community by wearing face covering while in public places or while interacting with others not in your household, frequent hand washing and physical distancing. This will keep us on a positive path forward. This will help Plumas County.

If you have any questions please contact the Plumas County COVID-19 informational phone line 530-283-6400 or send an e-mail to COVID19@countyofplumas.com or visit our website at www.plumascounty.us.