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State Applies the Emergency Break and Plumas County Moves to Red Tier

Today, the Governor of California announced pulling the Emergency Break on the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy re-opening plan throughout the state due to the rapid rise in COVID-19 cases. The following are changes the state will be making as the emergency brake is applied:

- Instead of seven day lag for data calculations a four day lag will be used to provide more real time information of the spread of virus in the county
- Instead of three days for counties to implement changes: one day to implement changes.
- Instead of meeting data metrics (case rate/ positivity rate) for two consecutive weeks before moving tiers, one week of exceeding the metrics can trigger a move to a more restrictive tier.

As of today, Plumas County has been moved to the Red Tier, which is the second most restrictive Tier. Purple Tier is the most restrictive. The changes to our businesses and activities are more significant going from the Orange Tier to the Red Tier than it was moving from the Yellow Tier to the Orange Tier. Some of the changes include:

- **Retail:** Open Indoors with modifications : Max 50% capacity (Does not apply to Grocery stores)
- **Places of Worship:** Open indoors with modifications: Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- **Gyms/ Fitness Center:** Open indoors with modifications: Max 10% capacity and +Climbing walls
- **Restaurants:** Open indoors with modifications: Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- **Bars (No food service):** Closed

For a full list of sectors and current industry guidance you can go to the state's website at <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

Due to the dramatic increase in positive cases it is highly likely Plumas County could move into the Purple Tier by next week. However, that will not be known for sure until next Tuesday.

As we enter into the holiday season and the spread of COVID-19 continues to increase throughout the state it is vital to continue with mitigating precautions. Wearing face coverings while in public places or while interacting with others not in your household, frequent hand washing, physical distancing and avoiding social gatherings with those not from your household will all help slow the spread of COVID-19. The more that we do to "stay out of the way of the virus," the more we protect the health and livelihood of our community, including our businesses and schools.

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.