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PRESS RELEASE

Sierra County placed on County Monitoring List

August 17, 2020 - Sierra County has experienced a recent rise in positive COVID-19 cases. This has negatively affected the 14-day case rate and the 7-day positivity rate. These are numbers used by the California Department of Public Health to measure the burden of the virus in a county. Sierra County was placed on the [County Monitoring List](#) as of August 15, 2020 by the State.

Counties on the State's Monitoring List must close **indoor** operations for the following business sectors, events, and activities effective immediately:

- Schools cannot open to in-person learning
- Gyms and fitness centers, like yoga and dance studios
- Places of worship and cultural ceremonies, like weddings and funerals
- Offices for non-essential (non-critical infrastructure) sectors
- Personal care services, like nail salons and body waxing
- Shopping malls
- Hair salons and barbershops

The following business sectors are permitted to operate during the period of time the county is on the Monitoring List:

- ✓ Hotels (for tourism and individual travel)
- ✓ Campgrounds and outdoor recreation
- ✓ Restaurants with outdoor dining and take-out only
- ✓ [Essential Businesses](#) with modifications

Sierra County will remain on the Monitoring List until all the indicators, the numbers, which put us on the list have improved sufficiently, and are below the State thresholds. For Sierra County, this would mean lowering the number of new cases within a 14-day period, while continuing to test residents. If you are interested in being tested, free drive-thru options are listed on the [Sierra County Website](#).

We can all do our part to get Sierra County off the State Monitoring List by slowing the spread of COVID-19:

- ❖ Practice physical distancing of 6 feet from others.
- ❖ Wash your hands with soap and water often, especially after you have been in a public place.
- ❖ Wear a face covering when in businesses or unable to maintain 6 feet distance.
- ❖ When feeling sick stay home.

For more information: <http://sierracounty.ca.gov/COVID-19> Email: COVID19@sierracounty.ca.gov

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