San Joaquin County Implements Youth Sports Guidance

Stockton, Calif. - Beginning July 30, the California Department of Public Health is allowing youth sports training, conditioning, and physical education under specific circumstances. Following the State’s release of guidance on August 5, 2020, the San Joaquin County Public Health Officer revised local directives and approved the guidance for Youth Sports.

California Department of Public Health issued the guidance, which applies to all youth programs- including school-based, club, and recreational programs. The guidance is intended to support a safe environment for players, coaches, trainers, and families.

Youth Sports may resume in San Joaquin County if they are able to comply with the following:

- Indoor events, assemblies, or other activities must close while the county is on the County Monitoring List
- All activities must take place outdoors
- Physical distancing of at least six feet between participants or a stable cohort
- For sports that cannot be conducted with sufficient distancing or cohorting, only physical conditioning and training is permitted and ONLY where physical distancing can be maintained
- Tournaments, events, or competitions are not permitted

The revised order also follows State guidance, which limits Personal Care Services to those provided in an outdoor setting. All indoor and outdoor services for tattooing, piercing, and electrolysis must be closed. All guidance can be found at covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance.

COVID-19 is still spreading and prevalent in San Joaquin County. Community members are reminded that gatherings are still prohibited. Coronavirus spreads when an infected person speaks, sneezes, or coughs within 6 feet of others. You may have the virus and spread it even if you feel well. It is important to cover your nose and mouth when outside your home. Wearing a mask or cloth face covering can slow the spread of COVID-19 by limiting the release of the virus into the air.

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