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**San Joaquin County to Reopen Many Local Businesses and Activities**  
***State approves County attestation to move more quickly through Stage 2 of reopening plan***

STOCKTON –San Joaquin County received approval from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today, which allows the County to move more quickly through Stage 2 of the State’s reopening plan. The [county attestation form](#) provides details on how the County plans to meet the State’s metrics for reopening.

“This plan ensures a coordinated approach to safely and gradually reopen the County while addressing both the public health and economic emergencies created by COVID-19,” stated Dr. Maggie Park, San Joaquin County Public Health Officer. “The County has met all of the metrics required by the State including testing capacity; hospital capacity; protection of essential workers; protecting vulnerable populations and epidemiology stability. We are confident that we can not only maintain these metrics but increase them in the coming days and weeks so we can safely and swiftly move into the next Stage and reopen more routine activities and businesses.”

“We’d like to thank the residents of San Joaquin County who made extraordinary personal and financial sacrifices during this deadly pandemic. Their efforts are the reason we have flattened the curve, prevented unnecessary deaths and can start to safely reopen daily activities and our economy. We also want to thank our healthcare and frontline workers, businesses, volunteers and others who made heroic efforts to keep our community safe, healthy and well cared for,” said San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Chair, Kathy Miller.

**What businesses in San Joaquin County are eligible to open as of May 22, 2020?**

Per submittal and approval of the attestation, San Joaquin County is eligible to open the following sectors in accordance with current State Stage 2 requirements (conditioned on these businesses implement appropriate guidance as provided by the State and the County, see guidance links at the end of document):

- Dine-in restaurants (With social distancing requirements – does not apply to bars, wineries or nightclubs)
- Destination retail, including shopping malls and swap meets (with restrictions)
- Retail sector
- Logistics sector
- Manufacturing sector
- Personal services, limited to: car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities, and landscape gardening
- Childcare facilities
- Office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)
- Outdoor museums and open gallery spaces
- **Types of businesses that are now open are listed at: <http://WWW.SJREADY.ORG>.**

“It is imperative that we get our businesses reopened, our citizens back to work, our economy back on track, and do it in a way that provides for the safety of both customers and employees. I am proud of the hard work by our County team, city leaders, businesses, and citizens to get us to this point, and proud of everyone’s continuing efforts to reopen additional activities to bring normalcy back to our daily lives,” said San Joaquin County Supervisor, Bob Elliott.

“This is a big step in the right direction for San Joaquin County. It’s been extremely difficult for our citizens and businesses, and we need to stand united and continue to do our best for our constituents,” stated San Joaquin County Supervisor Miguel Villapudua.

**What businesses can NOT open yet?**

- Personal services such as hair and nail salons, tattoo parlors, gyms and fitness studios
- Hospitality services, such as bars, wineries, tasting rooms, lounges and nightclubs
- Entertainment venues, such as movie theaters, gaming, gambling, arcade venues, pro sports, indoor museums and gallery spaces, zoos and libraries
- Community centers, public pools, playgrounds, and picnic areas
- Religious services (except for drive-in like services) and cultural ceremonies
- Festivals/Concert venues
- Live audience sports
- Theme parks
- Hotels/lodging for leisure and tourism

“This is a giant step toward reopening our County,” said San Joaquin County Supervisor Chuck Winn. “Based upon the overwhelming cooperation of our residents, healthcare providers, the cities and County, we can meet these attestation requirements. It also demonstrates how responsible we can be toward ensuring the health, safety and economic vitality of our county residents and businesses.”

**Key items to note in the expanded Stage 2 phase:**

- People should stay at home except to attend or participate in approved activities.
- Residents can leave their homes to engage with businesses and activities allowed by the State.
- Businesses and sectors of the economy that open are required to follow State guidance.
- To prevent further spread of COVID-19:
  - Everyone must continue to observe social distancing protocols, minimize their time outside their homes, and wash their hands frequently.
  - All Californians should not travel significant distances and should stay close to their homes.

“Now that we've fulfilled Stage 2 requirements, the Governor needs to give us local control for jobs and economic activity that can and will operate safely with all the necessary guidelines and best practices in place,” noted San Joaquin County Supervisor Tom Patti.

“The County’s approval means it can advance reopening under the Governor’s guidelines without defying state orders. We’re aware of research that shows that the stay at home order has been working, but we recognize how important every business is in our community. We appreciate the input and contributions from the community, which has allowed us to share guidance with the State,” stated San Joaquin County Director of Emergency Services, Marcia Cunningham.

“Key indicators will continue to be monitored, and trends will be evaluated to inform data-driven decisions to move from one Stage to the next,” Park said. “As we move into this next recovery phase, it is imperative that all residents continue to follow the State and County health orders so we continue to make progress and not slip backwards.”

For more information visit [www.SJReady.org](http://www.SJReady.org).

In-Dining Restaurant Guidance:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-dine-in-restaurants.pdf>

<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/checklist-dine-in-restaurants.pdf>

Shopping Center Guidance:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-shopping-centers.pdf>

<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/checklist-shopping-centers.pdf>