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Governor Newsom Dims the Switch – Plumas County's Case Total Up to 19

Governor Newsom announced today, Monday, July 13, 2020 that the switch is being dimmed on ALL California counties. Given current rates of disease transmission and the increase in hospitalization and ICU utilization, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is:

- Closing, on a statewide basis, consistent with the June 28 and July 1 restrictions on counties on the County Monitoring List, the following sectors:
 - Dine-in Restaurants (indoor)
 - Wineries and Tasting Rooms (indoor)
 - Movie Theater (indoor)
 - Family Entertainment Centers (indoor)
 - Zoos and Museums (indoor)
 - Cardrooms (indoor)
 - Brewpubs, breweries, bars, and pubs (indoor and outdoor).

- Closing, for counties on the State Monitoring List (does not include Plumas County at this time), additional indoor operations for certain sectors which promote the mixing of populations beyond households and make adherence to physical distancing with face coverings difficult. Within those sectors, those that are not able to continue their business through outdoor operations must close that portion of their business effective immediately in order to further mitigate the spread of the virus. This applies to the following sectors:
 - Gyms and Fitness Centers
 - Places of Worship
 - Indoor Protests
 - Offices for Non-Critical Infrastructure Sectors as identified at [covid19.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Non-Critical-Infrastructure-Sectors.aspx)
 - Personal Care Services (including nail salons, massage parlors, and tattoo parlors)
 - Hair Salons and Barbershops
 - Malls

These actions remain in effect until further notice.

All industry or sector guidance documents that have been issued to date, including all infectious control measures outlined in those guidance documents, including the use of face coverings,

which is mandated statewide ([CDPH – Guidance for Face Coverings](#)) to apply in outdoor settings, and thus must be adhered to. Outdoor operations may be conducted under a tent, canopy, or other sun shelter but only as long as the sides are not closed and there is sufficient outdoor air movement. Find the press release from CDPH [here](#).

A total of thirty counties are currently on the Monitoring List as of today, July 13, 2020, with additional counties being added daily.

What does Plumas County look like?

Plumas County has been notified of two additional cases of COVID-19 in residents from the western part of Plumas County for a total of 19 positive COVID-19 cases. These cases are from gatherings that were held during the 4th of July holiday weekend. Friends and family from different households and different counties met up during the holiday weekend and there are now new positive cases in multiple counties - Plumas County being just one. Local businesses have also been affected by these cases, whether through false rumors or misinformation being spread throughout the community.

Gatherings are defined as meetings or other events that bring together persons from multiple households at the same time for a shared or group experience in a single room, space, or places such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, or other indoor or outdoor space. The more people an individual interacts with at a gathering and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the potential risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 and COVID-19 spreading.

The flurry of new cases and investigations are good reminders to not let our guard down against COVID-19. In line with state orders, Plumas will be mitigating the spread of COVID-19 long-term until there is a vaccine or an effective therapy. The newest cases are linked to gatherings where strict social distancing was not being followed.

For personal and social activities, it is important to:

- Limit visiting with persons outside your own household.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wear cloth face coverings in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household.
- Use social distancing (stay at least 6 feet away from others).
- Consider bringing hand sanitizer and be sure to wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home.