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Plumas County Moves to the Purple Tier

Due to the dramatic increase in positive cases, Plumas County will officially move from the Red Tier to the Purple Tier, the most protective tier, effective November 29th. To control the rapid spread of COVID, protect our health care workers and community members, the state assigns every county to a tier.

Plumas County has over 200 positive COVID-19 cases with more than 150 of those cases occurring within the last two months, with positive cases continuing to increase daily. Plumas County now has community spread of COVID-19 as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) in that we have “multiple unrelated clusters in several areas” and many cases where it is impossible to determine the origin of transmission. The data used by California Department of Public Health (CDPH) used a four-day lag. CDPH will be running data again on Monday, November 30th for tier assignment and posting on Tuesday, December 1. The state’s plan and goal are to return to a 7-day lag with data assessment on Monday, November 30th.

Some of the changes related to the Purple Tier are as follows:

- **Retail:** Open Indoors with modifications: Max 25% capacity (Does not apply to Grocery stores)
- **Places of Worship:** Outdoor Only with modifications
- **Gyms/ Fitness Center:** Outdoor Only with modifications
- **Restaurants:** Outdoor Only with modifications, Takeout/ Delivery allowed
- **Personal Care Services:** Open Indoors with Modification
- **School's may not re-open:** If schools are already open then they may remain open. If schools are out on holiday break and never shut down for in-person learning then they can resume school after the holiday break.
- **Curfew advisory for residents:** From 10:00 pm until 5:00 am effective until December 21: see the full order at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/limited-stay-at-home-order.aspx>

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/>

In order for Plumas County to move back to the Red Tier, or any less restrictive tier, we must remain in the Purple Tier for three weeks and demonstrate for two weeks an improvement of data metrics. This is the time for Plumas County to come together regardless of our differences and place our loved ones and our community first by practicing mitigating precautions in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. 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. Thank you, Plumas County, for your continued patience and commitment to slowing the spread and saving lives.

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.