State of California rapidly releases guidance on reopening of multiple sectors

Yuba and Sutter counties are moving forward with the opening of more sectors in the community, effective next Friday, June 12, 2020.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) on Friday released reopening guidance for bars and wineries, family entertainment centers, zoos, museums, gyms and fitness facilities, day camps and revised day care, casinos and card rooms, pro sports without an audience, and film and music production.

This permits Yuba and Sutter, along with 48 other counties, to further reopen these sectors with appropriate modifications in place to ensure proper social distancing, disinfecting protocols, and minimized close, extended contact among patrons and staff.

“After months of patience from our residents and as we head into summer, we’re pleased to be able to continue to move forward with the re-opening of our communities,” Yuba-Sutter Health Officer Dr. Phuong Luu said. “That said, without a vaccine, COVID-19 is here. We all must follow the proper tenets of social distancing, wearing facial coverings, practicing good hand hygiene, and staying home when sick, in order to minimize spread of the virus-- especially to those who are most vulnerable to more severe symptoms.”

CDPH also issued guidance allowing the reopening of in-person K-12 schooling, at the discretion of local Public Health Officers. Dr. Luu said in-person schooling in Yuba-Sutter can resume at the start of the new academic school year in mid-August.

It is important for Yuba-Sutter residents to remember that reopening our communities doesn’t mean COVID-19 is no longer a threat—it means that Dr. Luu and bi-county Public Health staff believe local residents and businesses can do what is necessary to minimize any risk of getting the virus. Keeping ourselves and those around us from getting infected in the first place is the best proactive measure we can do while we await a vaccine for COVID-19.

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