

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.28
(ID # 13800)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, October 27, 2020

FROM: SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL:

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL: Southern California Counties Coalition
Coordinated COVID-19 Approach [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Executive Office to engage in a coordinated approach with the CEOs of our neighboring Southern California Counties to engage the State of California in reexamining the State's Tier Structure.

ACTION: Policy

Karen S. Spiegel
Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Vice-Chairwoman 10/13/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: October 27, 2020
xc: Supvr. Spiegel, EO

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By *[Signature]*
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: None.			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	20/21

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Riverside County has been at the forefront of combating COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic. Over many months, our County Public Health Department, RUHS Medical Center and Community Health Clinics, and Emergency Management Department, including 17 hospitals, 53 skilled nursing facilities, and hundreds of long-term care facilities have worked tirelessly to respond to the pandemic. Our residents, businesses, and communities have suffered devastating impacts, both direct and in-direct, due to COVID-19. The collective sacrifices and tremendous work done by all have led to a steady decline in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

We are now over seven months since the Governor first issued Executive Orders that have fundamentally changed our lives as we struggle through the pandemic. On October 20, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) moved Riverside County back from the Red Tier, that we were in, which had allowed limited indoor operation of places of worship, restaurants, movie theatres, and gyms and fitness centers, to the most restrictive Purple Tier, which effectively closes even limited indoor operations of these sectors (only allows outdoor use). Riverside County continues to make great strides in improving testing, as well as outreach within hard to reach groups and high spread workplaces. Hospital capacity also remains very stable and has been for months.

Riverside County has created or expanded more than 22 programs to mitigate direct and indirect impacts from the pandemic. Yet there is no number of programs that can replace someone's livelihood or business. Entire industries are at a standstill and public assistance is limited. A stable income is foundational to a person's health and impacts their entire health - including the individual's housing, mental health and access to medical care. Health and the economy are integrally connected and not mutually exclusive. Our residents and businesses feel the devastating impacts that this new round of closures will have on their livelihoods, mental health, and other vital health needs.

Other Southern California Counties are also struggling with the prospect of either moving back into the Purple Tier, or not being able to advance into less restrictive tiers, in the near term. Shifting metrics in the State Tier system (attachment A) have created a very difficult dynamic for

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Counties to operate under a consistent, predictable, and reasonably achievable structure in order to gradually reopen our economy and society in a safe way. We need to work in a collaborative fashion with our colleagues in other Southern California Counties to engage the State in a truly meaningful conversation of the devastating impacts that the State Tier system, as currently configured, is having on our Counties. Health metrics such as hospital capacity that the State once declared as important under prior reopening blueprints, and which are recognized as being key to our public health, are no longer being considered. The tier system is heavily reliant on positivity and case rates, testing rates, and a recently added equity factor. These tiers and metrics generally apply Statewide, without recognition of the tremendous diversity of California's geography, demographic density, or other factors. Southern California accounts for 60 % of the State's population. Working with other Southern California Counties will develop a strategic approach. Presenting the coordinated, unified platform to the State will strengthen our voice and make sure the concerns of Riverside County are heard in Sacramento.

ATTACHMENT A Current State Tier Structure

Blueprint for a Safer Economy

Activity and Business Tiers

SECTORS	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
Critical Infrastructure	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications
Limited Services	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications
Outdoor Playgrounds & Outdoor Recreational Facilities **	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications	Open with modifications
Hair Salons & Barbershops	Open Indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications
All Retail (including critical infrastructure, except standalone grocers)	Open Indoors with modifications • Max 25% capacity	Open Indoors with modifications • Max 50% capacity	Open Indoors with modifications	Open Indoors with modifications

SECTORS	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
Shopping Centers (Malls, Destination Centers, Swap Meets)	Open Indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 25% capacity • Closed common areas • Closed food courts 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 50% capacity • Closed common areas • Reduced capacity food courts (see restaurants) 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed common areas • Reduced capacity food courts (see restaurants) 	Open Indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced capacity food courts (see restaurants)
Personal Care Services***	Open Indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications
Museums, Zoos, and Aquariums	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor activities max 25% capacity 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor activities max 50% capacity 	Open indoors with modifications
Places of Worship	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 50% capacity
Movie Theaters	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open Indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 50% capacity

SECTORS	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
Hotels and Lodging	Open with modifications	Open with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +Fitness centers (+10%) 	Open with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +Fitness centers (+25%) +Indoor pools 	Open with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +Fitness Centers (50%) +Spa facilities etc.
Gyms and Fitness Centers	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 10% capacity +Climbing walls 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity +Indoor pools 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +Saunas +Steam rooms Max 50% capacity
Restaurants	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity
Wineries	Outdoor Only with modifications	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity indoors, or 100 people, whichever is fewer 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity or 200 people indoors, whichever is fewer

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Bars, Breweries, and Distilleries (where no meal provided) (follow restaurants where meal is provided)	Closed	Closed	Open Outdoors with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity
Family Entertainment Centers	Outdoor Only with modifications e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kart Racing Mini Golf Batting Cages 	Outdoor Only with modifications e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kart Racing Mini Golf Batting Cages 	Open Indoors for naturally distanced activities with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity Bowling Alleys 	Open indoors for activities with increased risk of proximity and mixing with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity Arcade Games Ice and roller skating Indoor playgrounds
Cardrooms, Satellite Wagering	Outdoor Only with modifications	Outdoor Only with modifications	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 25% capacity 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max 50% capacity
Offices	Remote	Remote	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage telework 	Open indoors with modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage telework
Professional Sports	Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Without live audiences With modifications 	Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Without live audiences With modifications 	Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Without live audiences With modifications 	Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Without live audiences With modifications

SECTORS	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
Live Audience Sports***	Closed	Closed	Outdoors Only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 20% • Regional visitors (120 miles) • Advanced reservations only • Assigned seating only • In-seat concessions only (No concourse sales) 	Outdoors Only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 25% • Regional visitors (120 miles) • Advanced reservations only • Assigned seating only • In-seat concessions only (No concourse sales)
Amusement Parks***	Closed	Closed	Smaller Parks Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 25% capacity or 500 people, whichever is fewer • Outdoor attractions only • In-county visitors only • Advanced reservations only 	Larger Parks Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% capacity • Advanced reservations only

**Outdoor playgrounds and outdoor recreational facilities updated September 28, 2020

***Personal care services, live audience professional sports and amusement parks updated October 20, 2020