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To:
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Updated Santa Clara County's Transition from Tier 1 (Purple) to Tier 2 (Red)
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Dear Permit Holders,

As you may be aware, the [State announced on Tuesday](#) that Santa Clara County was moved from Tier 1 (Purple) to Tier 2 (Red) in the State's new COVID-19 regulatory framework, and some local indoor business operations were reopened as a result. The State's action on Tuesday did not modify the [County's July 2 Risk Reduction Order](#), and businesses and activities must still comply with all industry-specific mandatory directives set forth by the County and State, including having a Social Distancing Protocol on file and displayed.

Indoor dining remains prohibited in Santa Clara County under Section 13 of the County's Risk Reduction Order. This is [one of a few business activities](#) which would be allowed by the State for counties in Tier 2 but which are not permitted in Santa Clara County due to the particularly high risk of COVID-19 transmission. Restaurants in the County may continue to operate for pickup, drive-through, delivery, and outdoor dining, consistent with the County's Risk Reduction Order and the [Mandatory Directives for Outdoor Dining, Wineries, and Outdoor Tasting Rooms](#).

The County's Risk Reduction Order was written based on some broad principles that reflect the available science related to COVID-19. Those principles include that outdoor activities are much safer than indoor activities, and that wearing face coverings and maintaining social distance are critical for reducing transmission of the virus. Activities that cannot be conducted without removing a face covering (like dining) remain prohibited indoors, as these activities present substantial risk at a time when transmission of COVID-19 remains widespread in our community. Our Health Officer and her team continue to monitor the local data and the science surrounding COVID-19 to evaluate which activities may be safe to resume locally.

For more information about the State's framework, please visit covid19.ca.gov. For the latest information and guidance related to COVID-19 regulations and response efforts in Santa Clara County, please visit www.sccgov.org/covid19.

If you have any questions or if you need further information, please contact us at DEHWeb@cep.sccgov.org.

Regards,

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