

# NEWS RELEASE



**Chief Administrative Office  
El Dorado County**

## **EL DORADO COUNTY PROVIDES CLARITY ABOUT MOVING TO NEXT TIER ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19 REOPENING OF BUSINESSES, ACTIVITIES**

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*The following statement can be attributed to El Dorado County Public Health Officer, Dr. Nancy Williams:*

**(PLACERVILLE, CA)** – “We received confirmation from the California Department of Public Health that if El Dorado County data remains below a four new cases per day average along with test positivity below five percent over the most recent two consecutive seven-day periods we will move from our current Red/Substantial tier to Orange/Moderate in the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>.

“The State used data from the weeks of August 5-11 and August 12-18 to determine which tier each County would be assigned. El Dorado County was assigned to the Red tier because its data from the week of August 5-11 fell into the Red category. The State requires that a County remain in the assigned tier for three weeks before moving to a less restrictive tier and as long as the number of cases and test positivity percentage meet that less restrictive tier’s requirement during the most recent two weeks.

“The State further clarified that if only one of the two criteria is met to move to a less restrictive tier, a County must remain in the more restrictive tier until it meets both criteria.

“For information about El Dorado County’s tier status, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>, start typing ‘El Dorado’ in the County box and select it from the drop-down list. Then, either click on ‘GET LATEST STATUS’ to see restrictions on the full list of activities, or enter a specific type of business or activity of interest in the ‘Activity’ box. Finally, either scroll down for the entire list or click on the ‘Get Latest Status’ button. Learn more about the tiers at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19CountyMonitoringOverview.aspx>

“El Dorado County’s numbers in the two criteria the State is currently using to determine reopening have been trending relatively lower over the last two weeks. The best and easiest way to help ensure we move to the Orange tier in the week of September 21<sup>st</sup> is for residents and visitors to continue to follow the State’s mandates for face coverings, avoid gatherings with and remain at least six feet from others outside your household and wash your hands.”

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