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REGIONAL STAY AT HOME ORDER LIFTED STATEWIDE

*Santa Barbara County Moves to the Purple Tier
Allowing More Businesses to Open with Modifications*

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The California Department of Public Health issued guidance today lifting the Regional Stay at Home Order due to projected increasing ICU capacity. All California counties will return to the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) and color-coded tiers. Santa Barbara County has returned to the Purple Tier and a Health Officer Order outlining the specific restrictions and allowances for Santa Barbara County businesses and residents will be issued. This Health Officer Order will take effect at 8 a.m. on January 26, 2021.

The [Limited Stay at Home Order](#), which limits non-essential activities between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., expires with the [Regional Stay At Home Order](#) ending.

“We are pleased the Stay at Home Order has been lifted and that California as a whole is moving in the right direction with decreasing hospitalizations and case counts. Now more businesses will be able to open in Santa Barbara. This is so important for the health of our community. In reference to this virus however, we have more work to do. Our case rates remain high and our ICU capacity is still very low. Please stay the course. Avoid gatherings, wear your face covering, and stay 6 feet from those you do not live with. We are getting closer, but this is not yet over.” states Dr. Henning Ansorg, Public Health Officer for the County of Santa Barbara.

Santa Barbara County will continue to restrict gatherings of any size at this time. All businesses in Santa Barbara County, which are open or will be reopening, must follow all State guidance for their industry and self-certify that they are ready to reopen through completing the [Online Self-Attestation](#).

Some additional businesses, which may reopen outdoors with modifications in the purple tier include personal care services, restaurants, gyms and fitness centers, movie theaters, museums, and zoos and aquariums. For more information about changes in the purple tier, visit <https://publichealthsb.org/purple-tier/>.

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