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Trinity County Expands Reopening

Trinity County – On June 5, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [released](#) guidance for opening additional sectors of the economy for variance counties within stage three (3) of the Governor’s Resilience Roadmap effective June 12, 2020. When guidance has not yet been released by CDPH, sectors cannot be reopened. Local health officials in counties with attestations continue to determine when specific sectors of their economy may open safely.

Decisions at the local level depend on county specific data and readiness of the county to contain and mitigate any increased disease activity. The method used to make these determinations in Trinity County is laid out in our Trinity County Containment Plan Attachment A. As of June 9, 2020, our COVID-19 testing rate in Trinity County is 4% of our population with a positive rate of less than half of one (1) percent (.4%). Therefore; it is the determination of the Trinity County Health Officer that the following sectors are allowed to reopen upon approval from the Environmental Health Director in consultation with the Trinity County Health and Human Services (HHS) Public Health Branch (PHB):

- Campgrounds, RV Parks, and Outdoor Recreation
 - Industry Guidance: <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-campgrounds.pdf>
- Hotels
 - Industry Guidance: <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hotels-lodging-rentals.pdf>
- Family Entertainment Centers
 - Industry Guidance: <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-family-entertainment.pdf>
- Restaurants, Bars, and Wineries
 - Industry Guidance: <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-restaurants-bars.pdf>
- Fitness Facilities



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- Industry Guidance: <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-fitness.pdf>
- Museums and Galleries
 - Industry Guidance: <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-zoos-museums.pdf>

All sector guidance is posted on the COVID19.ca.gov website under “[issuing guidance](#)”.

Trinity County PHB and Environmental Health Services continue to recommend the following actions to help limit the spread of COVID-19:

- maintain 6 feet of physical distance between yourself and others when out in public
- wear a face covering if you leave home
- wash hands with soap and water
- clean surfaces frequently
- cover your coughs and sneezes
- limit non-essential travel
- stay home if you are sick

Each business should follow its industry guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health, as well as submit plans for reopening and receive a “Certificate of Compliance” from Trinity County Environmental Health. If you have any questions regarding this modification please email reopenbusiness@trinitycounty.org.



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Trinity County Monitoring and Containment Plan for SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic

As California progresses through stages of the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Pandemic, Trinity County has developed a coordinated monitoring and containment plan consistent with the Road Map to Open California that is unique to Trinity County.

Progression of Opening Sectors

The 6 indicators for the Road Map to Open California, laid out by the Governor's Office and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), will continue to provide the foundational framework for Trinity County in progressing through the stages of reopening.

Trinity County has coordinated with the state, County Administration, Board of Supervisors, and stakeholder agencies to strategically plan a phased-in reopening of Trinity County as described initially in the Attestation ([CDPHCountyAttestations](#)). This Containment Plan identifies in more detail the metrics used to guide decisions and to ensure the safety and health of Trinity County residents and essential workers moving forward.

Sectors cannot be opened until the state guidance for that sector has been posted on the COVID-19 state website. Once the state guidance comes out the local health jurisdiction, through its Health Officer, may open those sectors if it is determined safe to do so based on specific COVID-19 local data. This data is outlined in Appendix A and is the primary determinant guiding decisions on reopening sector/s and/or "toggling" back sectors. All business and essential service sectors in Trinity County, prior to opening, must complete their reopening/mitigation plan. For the business sector, approval will be provided through our Trinity County Environmental Health Department.

Monitoring

Business and Essential Workforce Sectors:

There are approximately 1000 businesses total in Trinity County with an estimated 700 of those listed as essential including 550 agricultural businesses.

Readiness and Compliance:

All businesses and essential workforce sectors are required to submit a COVID-19 business/reopening plan through the trinitycounty.org webpage. Custom plans are



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created by answering a series of questions; these questions and answers become your business plan. Business and workforce sector plans should be consistent with the guidance set out by the Governor's Office, CDPH, and Cal-OSHA including emphasis on social distancing, encouraging face coverings, monitoring illness in the workplace, ensuring employees stay home if sick, and disinfecting/sanitizing. Trinity County Environmental Health issues Certificate of Compliance once this process is complete.

Routine Monitoring of Business Sectors

Trinity County Environmental Health will conduct routine monitoring and surveillance of business sectors in order to track and support their ability to maintain compliance as laid out in their business plan.

Environmental Health monitoring and support activities include, but are not limited to:

- Periodic site visits
- Actively responding to complaints from the community
- Actively assisting the PHB when an outbreak is traced to a business
- Ensuring sufficient supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff and customers
- Ensuring sufficient supplies and guidance for disinfection and sanitation

Trinity County Public Health Branch (PHB) monitoring and support activities include but are not limited to:

- Regional Medical/Health activity and Emergency Medical System (EMS) data
- Review local healthcare facilities weekly situation reports
- Regular inventory of PPE and testing supplies
- Ensure adequate supplies of PPE and testing materials for County need.
- Local and Regional testing capacity
- Local and regional disease activity (positive cases)
- Public facing information (metrics)
- Providing this to the public along with messaging Information from other state officials or agencies
- Ensure timely messaging to the public around what they can do to protect themselves such as limiting exposure especially if you are over 65 and/or have underlying medical conditions, face coverings, hand washing, disinfectant, and physical distancing
- Ensure timely notification of disease activity to the public and partners.



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Surveillance

Trinity County Data - Metric Thresholds to Inform Decisions:

- Disease Situation
 - Case (confirmed COVID-19 positive) Incidence per 1,000 over past 14 days
 - Number of COVID-19 deaths over past 14 days
- Health Care System
 - Hospitalization (confirmed COVID-19 positive) rolling 14 day average
 - ICU availability of surge beds above current capacity (regionally)
 - Number of Health Care Worker (HCW) infections over past 14 days
- Disease Control
 - Percent of COVID-19 tests confirmed positive each 7-14 day period.
 - Percent of new COVID-19 confirmed positive from quarantined contacts.

Other:

- Any other information source which may reveal concern for local pandemic response, including but not limited to:
 - Instability in SNF or other Vulnerable Population Setting
 - Outbreak in large employer setting

Containment

Should an increase in COVID-19 disease activity, hospitalization, or death occur as defined by the metric thresholds, containment measures will be employed and may include any of the following:

- Expanded use of PPE
- Recommended reduction in worksite staff
- Sanitation of a specific facility
- Closure or partial closure of a specific facility or sector/s
- Reduction in social gatherings
- Regression to a previous reopening stage (reduction in high risk activities)

Contact Tracing:

Trinity County PHB currently has two trained contact tracers, including two (2) Registered Nurses (RNs) to oversee the contact tracers. This is sufficient to respond



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immediately to an increase in cases. To support contact tracing efforts in Trinity County we will employ the state data platform to efficiently manage contacts and outreach to contacts.

Our containment strategy also includes mobilizing Trinity County Disaster Service Workers (DSW) through our Office of Emergency Services as contact tracers as well as through the state should all local resources be insufficient to meet the demand.

Trinity County Metrics

Indicator Threshold for Each Level						
Category	Indicator	Triggers to Raise or Lower Alert Levels	Alert Level Low Risk Stage 4	Alert Level Limited Risk Stage 3	Alert Level Moderate Risk Stage 2	Alert Level High Risk Stage 1
Disease Situation	Case Incidence Per 1,000 over 14 days	Steady increase or decrease in COVID-19 illness	No more than 2 new case over 14 days per 1,000 population	No more than 3-5 new cases per 1,000 population over 14 days	6-8 new cases per 1,000 population over 14 days	9-10 new cases per 1,000 population over 14 days
	Number of COVID-19 deaths	Increase or decrease in confirmed COVID-19 deaths	No COVID-19 deaths in the past 14 days	No more than 1 death in the past 14 days	2 COVID-19 deaths in the past 14 days	3 COVID deaths in the past 14 days
Health Care System	Hospitalization Numbers	Increase or decrease in confirmed COVID Hospitalized - rolling 14 day average	0-1	2-4	5-6	7+
	ICU availability of surge beds above current capacity	Increase or decrease in ICU beds available regionally*	Availability at or greater than 20%	Availability at 10% surge capacity	Availability at 5%	Availability at <5%
	Number of health care worker (HCW) infections	Increase or decrease in HCW infections over 14 days	0-1	2-4	5-7	8+
Disease Control	Percent of test that are COVID positive	percent increase or decrease in positive tests per each 7-14 day period	<2% positivity rate	2-4% positivity rate	5-7% positivity rate	8%+
	Percentage of new cases from quarantined contacts	7 day period	<5%	5% - <25%	25% - 50%	>50%

*Critical Access Hospital in Trinity County does not have an Intensive Care Unit (ICU), of ICU beds.