



Good news! Restaurants get ready to move back inside.

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This is great news! The parklets can be dismantled and we can all dine back inside. Thank goodness!

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STATE CUTS MONTEREY COUNTY TIER SCORE ALMOST IN HALF

- Average rate of new cases moves from 18.4 last week to 10.1 today

Restaurants are putting out the napkins and silverware at their indoor tables in San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara and San Francisco counties today after those counties were moved into the Red Tier of the state's economic shutdown plan by the California Department of Public Health.

While Monterey County isn't quite there yet, it is tantalizingly close after this afternoon the CDPH lowered the county's official average of new coronavirus infections per day per 100,000 residents from 18.4 to 10.1.

In addition to meeting criteria for testing positivity and "health equity," the county needs to get that score 7.0 or lower three weeks in a row before it can move into the Red Tier, which would allow indoor dining to resume and many types of businesses, including museums, movie theaters and gyms, to reopen.

The prospects for Monterey County's average to hit 7.0 or lower next week appear to be very good, because when the CDPH calculates a score it uses data that are 10 days old, and in the last 10 days new cases in Monterey County have continued to trend sharply downward. Today, the Monterey County health department released statistics showing just 300 new coronavirus cases among county residents over the last week. During the week today's CDPH score is based on, there were 543 new cases.

If Monterey County meets the criteria for moving into the Red Tier next Tuesday and again on March 16 and March 23, the county's restaurants, gyms and museums could reopen March 24, according to CDPH rules.

This chart illustrates the county's progress through the Purple Tier on its way toward the lower tiers. Also, for a detailed look at Monterey County's cases over the last week, please consult the charts and tables at the bottom of this bulletin.

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