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State Lifts Regional Stay at Home Order for All Regions

Kern County Now in Purple Tier of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy Effective Immediately

(Bakersfield, CA) – Due to improved projections in intensive care unit (ICU) capacity in the coming four weeks, the California Department of Public Health ended the Regional Stay at Home Order today. This action allows all counties statewide to return to the restrictions and framework of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy and color-coded tiers that indicate which activities and businesses are open based on local case rates and test positivity.

Kern County has now reverted back to the strictest tier, known as the purple tier. Services and activities, such as outdoor dining and personal services, may resume immediately with modifications. Learn more about the state framework and what is currently allowed to be open in Kern County here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/#county-status>. Additionally, the State has lifted the Limited Stay at Home Order, which was essentially a curfew that restricted activities after 10 pm.

It remains critical that residents continue to wear masks when they leave their homes, maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet, wash their hands frequently, avoid gatherings and mixing with other households, follow all state issued guidance and get the vaccine when it's their turn.

To learn more about the lifted order see Cal OES press release: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/#county-status>.

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