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San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Receive COVID-19 Updates and Take Actions
County Progressing into Red Tier; Board Approves Additional \$13.9 Million
for Small Businesses and Community Needs

STOCKTON –San Joaquin County Public Health Officer Dr. Maggie Park told the Board of Supervisors yesterday that the County progressed from the most restrictive widespread Purple Tier into the less restrictive substantial Red Tier starting April 7. This announcement by the State will allow restaurants, gyms, movie theaters and other businesses to begin moving operations indoors with capacity limits.

“It is because of the tireless efforts of San Joaquin County, our community partners and local residents that the County is able to move into the Red Tier,” Dr. Park reported. “However, the relaxing of restrictions should not encourage residents to let their guard down. We are urging community members to continue to do their part to help maintain our momentum by getting tested, taking the necessary precautions to avoid contracting and spreading COVID-19 and being vaccinated once they are eligible.”

Beginning today, restaurants and movie theaters will be allowed to resume indoor operations at 25 percent capacity, or 100 people, whichever is fewer. Gyms and fitness centers will be allowed to reopen indoor operations at 10 percent of their indoor capacity. Museums, zoos and aquariums will be able to open indoor operations at 25 percent capacity and retail and shopping centers will be able to increase their indoor operations to 50 percent capacity. Effective April 15, additional sectors including gatherings, private events, and live indoor events can resume with modifications in the Red Tier. The Governor announced today that all tiers would be eliminated by June 15 if vaccine supply remains steady and coronavirus metrics continue to decline.

“The Red Tier announcement is great news for San Joaquin County, but much more needs to be done to continue moving forward by leaps and bounds,” said San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Tom Patti. “Everyone is counting on us to get businesses, schools, gatherings, sports and everyday life back up and running and we all need to do everything possible including testing, testing, testing to make that happen.”

San Joaquin County COVID-19 latest statistics as of April 6, 2021:

- 195,535 total doses have been allocated to San Joaquin County for community disbursement
- 198,567 total doses have been administered through the County, plus through other multi-county entities, hospital systems, Walgreens and CVS
- 65.7% of residents aged 64-75 are fully vaccinated. 57.7% of residents 75+ are fully vaccinated
- 113,731 of all residents are fully vaccinated which is approximately 35% of County adults ages 18 and older
- 10.1 daily new cases (per 100k)
- 4.0% positive tests for the entire county
- 3.4% positive tests for health equity quartile

To view all of the County's COVID-19 statistics, see the dashboard at <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/4ec4f8e1dfd142998d1732c7f5c79e45>

The County's www.sjready.org, managed by the County's Office of Emergency Services (OES), is a hub for all the COVID information the public needs to locate scheduled community vaccination events.

Board of Supervisors Actions:

The Board of Supervisors approved the following items on a 5-0 Vote:

- **COVID-19 related funding, community impacts, fees charged to businesses and budget adjustments**
San Joaquin County Assistant County Administrator, Matt Paulin, reported to the Board that since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the County received a total of \$295.1 million in COVID-related funding, \$150.8 million of which was Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding that was distributed to departments, Small Business Grant Programs, Family Assistance Grants, Private Hospital Grant Program, Fire District Grant Program, and the Housing for the Harvest Program. The remaining \$144.3 million was allocated directly to departments for department-specific services related to COVID-19. Mr. Paulin told the Board that a business and community assessment was recently conducted by the County Administrator's Office to evaluate additional financial support that could be provided by the County to further assist impacted sectors. Concluding the presentation, the Board approved the following actions:
 - Authorized the transfer of \$13.9 million from County reserves for:
 - \$5.0 million to augment the existing Small Business Assistance Grant program in addition to the current \$17.7 million allocation to fully fund all qualifying applications
 - \$6.9 million for community needs (non-profit/CBO assistance, food banks, childcare providers)
 - \$2.0 million for the Children and Families Program (First 5)
 - Directed the County Administrator's Office to work with the Environmental Health Department and Treasurer-Tax Collector to determine appropriate fees to waive for small businesses
- **In-person public comment during Board of Supervisors meetings and written public comment guidelines**
 - Approved public meeting guidelines in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to safely allow for in-person participation at public meetings of the Board of Supervisors, with limited capacity
 - Directed staff to take necessary steps as may be recommended by public health officials to safely implement these guidelines
 - Authorized the County Administrator, through the Clerk of the Board office, to reorder Agenda items from time to time to reduce the duration of in-person public participation
 - Written public comments of up to 250 words will continue to be accepted and read into the record at the Board meeting. Public comments submitted in writing will be distributed to the Board of Supervisors and Clerk of the Board office upon receipt

Consent Items:

- Retroactive approval to modify payment structures to Behavioral Health Services Community Services agreements in response to the COVID-19 crisis, in accordance with State Department of Health Care Services guidance, for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021
- Accepted a donation of a Roche MagNA Pure 96 instrument purchased for \$90,000 by the Association of Public Health Laboratories for San Joaquin County Public Health Laboratory
- Retroactive approval of an increase to the purchase order with BOLT Staffing Services, Inc., in the amount of \$591,760, increasing the total amount to \$716,760 for the period of December 14, 2020 to June 30, 2021
- Retroactive approval of an increase to the purchase order with Sizewise Rentals LLC, for bed and equipment rental for the Period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, at an amount not to exceed \$745,000

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